

PAGES 1 - 60

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BEFORE THE HONORABLE MAXINE M. CHESNEY, JUDGE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

)

PLAINTIFF, )

)

VS. )

NO. CR 08-0553 MMC

)

JOSHUA JOEL PRATCHARD, )

)

DEFENDANT. )

)

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009

**TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS**

**APPEARANCES:**

FOR PLAINTIFF: UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
450 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94102  
BY: **KATHERINE BURKE DOWLING**  
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

FOR DEFENDANT: DAVID LARKIN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1806 BONANZA STREET  
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596

REPORTED BY: JAMES YEOMANS, CSR 4039, RPR  
OFFICIAL REPORTER

COMPUTERIZED TRANSCRIPTION BY ECLIPSE

1        WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009

2:30 P.M.

2                (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HEARD IN OPEN COURT:)

3                **THE CLERK:** CRIMINAL CASE NUMBER 08-553, UNITED STATES  
4 OF AMERICA VERSUS JOSHUA PRATCHARD.

5                **MR. LARKIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

6                **MR. DOWLING:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

7 KATHERINE DOWLING ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES.

8                **MR. LARKIN:** DAVID LARKIN APPEARING WITH  
9 MR. PRATCHARD.

10               **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

11 ANN SEARLES ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. PROBATION OFFICE.

12               **THE COURT:** THANK YOU.

13 THIS MATTER IS ON THE COURT'S CALENDAR FOR JUDGMENT  
14 AND SENTENCING.

15 AND I RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROCEEDING THE  
16 PROBATION REPORT THAT MS. SEARLES PREPARED THAT'S DATED  
17 OCTOBER 9, A MEMORANDUM FROM THE GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH, THEY  
18 DIDN'T GIVE ME A CHAMBER'S COPY, AND THAT'S DATED OCTOBER 15TH,  
19 AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE AT THE MOMENT.

20 WAS ANYTHING ELSE FILED IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
21 PROCEEDING?

22               **MR. DOWLING:** NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF.

23               **MR. LARKIN:** NO, JUDGE.

24               **THE COURT:** HAVE YOU HAD ENOUGH TIME TO GO OVER THESE  
25 DOCUMENTS WITH YOUR CLIENT AND DISCUSS THEM?

1           **MR. LARKIN:** I HAVE, YOUR HONOR. THERE ARE SOME OTHER  
2 LETTERS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO THE COURT AND WE HAVE  
3 SOME WITNESSES THAT WANT TO BE HEARD.

4           **THE COURT:** WHAT KIND OF WITNESSES DID YOU HAVE IN  
5 MIND?

6           **MR. LARKIN:** JUDGE, I WAS -- MY UNDERSTANDING IS THE  
7 VICTIM IS HERE AND WANTED TO ADDRESS THE COURT, MR. PRATCHARD  
8 WISHES TO ADDRESS THE COURT.

9           **THE COURT:** MR. PRATCHARD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD,  
10 HE HAS A RIGHT OF ALLOCUTION.

11           YOUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE VICTIM WANTS TO BE  
12 HEARD AND THIS IS SOMETHING YOU LEARNED FROM MS. DOWLING OR  
13 FROM THE VICTIM THEMSELVES?

14           **MR. LARKIN:** NO, FROM MS. DOWLING, THAT'S NOT THE  
15 CASE.

16           **MR. DOWLING:** THE VICTIM IS PRESENT, BUT HE DOES NOT  
17 WISH TO BE HEARD, IS MY UNDERSTANDING. THAT, PERHAPS, MAY  
18 CHANGE IF OTHERS ARE HEARD. AT THIS JUNCTURE HE'S JUST  
19 PRESENT.

20           **THE COURT:** I DIDN'T INTEND TO HAVE A HEARING WITH  
21 PEOPLE GIVING TESTIMONY AT THE TIME OF THE SENTENCING. SO  
22 RIGHT NOW MR. PRATCHARD HAS A RIGHT TO BE HEARD AND I COULD  
23 HEAR FROM THE VICTIM IF HE WANTS TO BE HEARD.

24           IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE THAT YOU WERE THINKING OF?

25           **MR. LARKIN:** JUDGE, PRIMARY PERSON THAT I WANTED TO,

1 WHO IS HERE AND I WANTED TO BE ALLOWED TO SAY SOME WORDS, IS  
2 ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WAS WITH MR. PRATCHARD AT THE TIME  
3 THAT THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED.

4 THERE ARE ACTUALLY TWO, AND I HAVE A LETTER FROM HIM  
5 AND I ALSO HAVE A LETTER FROM THE OTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS WITH  
6 MR. PRATCHARD.

7 I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT SUBMITTING THOSE TO THE COURT. I  
8 INTENDED TO SUBMIT THEM TO PROBATION, AND MR. PRATCHARD GOT  
9 SOMEWHAT DISTRACTED, HIS SON WAS IN INTENSIVE CARE FOR A PERIOD  
10 OF TIME AND I WASN'T ABLE TO GET THAT INFORMATION.

11 **THE COURT:** OKAY. LET ME JUST STOP YOU FOR A MOMENT.  
12 IT'S OFTEN THE CASE THAT THE COURT WILL RECEIVE LETTERS FROM  
13 INDIVIDUALS ON BEHALF OF DEFENDANTS WHO ARE FACING SENTENCING,  
14 ORDINARILY ATTESTING TO THEIR CHARACTER, EITHER THEIR CHARACTER  
15 WITH RESPECT TO THE PARTICULAR TYPE OF CRIME THAT HAS BEEN  
16 CHARGED OR THEIR CHARACTER FOR HONESTY, VERACITY AND OTHER  
17 MATTERS, BUT NOT AS WITNESSES TO THE EVENT.

18 NOW, WHEN MS. SEARLES PREPARED HER REPORT SHE TOOK  
19 CERTAIN FACTS AS A GIVEN BASED ON WHAT SHE BELIEVED TO BE  
20 RELIABLE SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND THOSE FACTS ARE  
21 INCORPORATED IN THE REPORT.

22 WE DON'T HAVE A TRIAL BECAUSE THE DEFENDANT PLED  
23 GUILTY, SO THE COURT HAS NOT SEEN A BODY OF WITNESSES COME IN  
24 AND OFFER TESTIMONY AND THERE'S NOTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THE  
25 SITUATION THAT WE HAVE HERE.

1           IN OTHER WORDS, SOMEBODY WHO PLEADS GUILTY THERE MIGHT  
2       BE SOME DISPUTE AS TO HOW THE EVENTS OCCURRED, DESPITE THE FACT  
3       OF GUILT, BUT THAT ORDINARILY WOULD BE IN SOME FASHION DEALT  
4       WITH AT THE PROBATION REPORT LEVEL.

5           AND RIGHT NOW I DON'T HAVE NECESSARILY THAT TYPE OF  
6       COMPARATIVE EVIDENCE, IF YOU WILL, AND IT'S NOT MY INTENT TO  
7       TRY THIS CASE.

8           IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU WANTED THE CASE TRIED, WE COULD  
9       HAVE HAD A TRIAL. IF THERE ARE CERTAIN FACTS OR CIRCUMSTANCES,  
10      WHETHER THERE PROVOCATIONS OR WHATEVER, THAT ARE IN DISPUTE IN  
11      SOME WAY OR MAYBE NOT EVEN IN DISPUTE JUST PART OF THE OVERALL  
12      CONTEXT OF THE OFFENSE ALLEGED, THEN IT SEEMS THAT WOULD HAVE  
13      BEEN BEST HANDLED BY MS. SEARLES.

14          THE ONLY TIME THAT I'M AWARE OF ANYONE WHO HAS A RIGHT  
15      TO CALL WITNESSES OTHER THAN VICTIMS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS IS  
16      IF A DEFENDANT HAS BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF A CAPITAL CRIME AND  
17      THEY'RE FACING THE DEATH PENALTY, WHICH FORTUNATELY WE DO NOT  
18      HAVE ANY KIND OF SITUATION NEAR THAT HERE.

19          SO IF YOU DO NOT FEEL THAT YOU'RE PREPARED TO GO  
20      FORWARD TODAY GIVEN WHAT I SAID, BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE  
21      TESTIMONY ABOUT HOW THIS EVENT WENT DOWN, AND YOU FEEL THERE'S  
22      SOME WAY YOU COULD BETTER PRESENT, AT LEAST, MR. PRATCHARD'S  
23      VERSION OF WHAT HAPPENED VERSUS WHATEVER MS. SEARLES HAS SAID  
24      AS HOW THE EVENTS UNFOLDED, THEN I COULD HEAR THAT REQUEST.  
25      OTHERWISE, I WOULD BE INCLINED TO GO FORWARD.

1           **MR. LARKIN:** I UNDERSTAND, JUDGE, AND THAT WOULD BE MY  
2 REQUEST. BECAUSE I NOW AM IN POSSESSION OF ALL OF THOSE, AND  
3 I'M NOT SUGGESTING I'M DOING SOMETHING THAT IS ASKING YOU TO  
4 TRY THE CASE OR WHATEVER, I THINK, I'M PRESENTING FACTORS OF  
5 MITIGATION TO EXPLAIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND I THINK IT'S OF --  
6 I THINK, IT'S SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH THAT IT'S WORTH A LITTLE BIT  
7 OF TIME FOR YOU TO RECEIVE THAT INFORMATION.

8           **THE COURT:** LET ME ASK YOU A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS.

9           **MR. LARKIN:** OKAY.

10          **THE COURT:** ARE ANY OF THOSE FACTORS ALREADY  
11 INCORPORATED IN MS. SEARLES' REPORT AND IT'S SIMPLY A QUESTION  
12 OF MORE PEOPLE SAYING SOMETHING AS OPPOSED TO ONE PERSON  
13 REPORTING THOSE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES?

14          **MR. LARKIN:** JUDGE, I ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN THE  
15 CIRCUMSTANCES OF WHAT OCCURRED, AND IN RESPONSE TO THAT  
16 PROBATION, MS. SEARLES STATED IT APPEARED THAT WHAT I WAS  
17 TRYING TO DO WAS TO JUSTIFY MR. PRATCHARD'S CONDUCT.

18                 AND SO, YOU KNOW, I THINK IT, PERHAPS, IF IT'S HEARD  
19 DIRECTLY FROM, YOU KNOW, AN INDIVIDUAL'S PERSPECTIVE WHO WAS  
20 THERE, I THINK, IT CERTAINLY CAN BE GIVEN MORE WEIGHT.

21          **THE COURT:** THERE IS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS THERE  
22 MR. PRATCHARD, AND HE IS WELCOME TO SAY ANYTHING THAT HE FEELS  
23 IS APPROPRIATE IN THIS REGARD.

24                 I ASSUME THAT THERE WAS SOME KIND OF AN INTERCHANGE  
25 BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUALS, MR. PRATCHARD AND THE VICTIM. I DON'T

1 KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THAT WAS, BUT PEOPLE DON'T JUST WALK UP TO  
2 PEOPLE WHO ARE LYING ON THE GROUND AND KICK THEM IN THE HEAD.

3 I HAVE SEEN THE VIDEO THAT WAS SUBMITTED BY THE  
4 GOVERNMENT AND I ASSUME YOU HAVE ALSO, IT BEGINS FAIRLY LATE IN  
5 THE GAME OF THE EVENTS.

6 IN OTHER WORDS, WE DO HAVE THE VICTIM, HE'S ON THE  
7 GROUND. IT STARTS OUT IN A KIND OF BLURRY FASHION. SOMEBODY  
8 IS OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO FILM THIS AT THIS POINT WHEN THEY  
9 REALIZE IT'S SOMETHING OTHER THAN, PERHAPS, THE ORDINARY AND  
10 YOU GET MR. PRATCHARD KICKING THE VICTIM IN WHAT LOOKS LIKE HIS  
11 HEAD WHILE HE'S DOWN.

12 HE'S NOT WEARING STEEL TOED WORK BOOTS, HE APPEARS TO  
13 BE WEARING SNEAKERS OR SOMETHING OF THAT NATURE, BUT THIS IS  
14 STILL VERY SERIOUS BEHAVIOR. HE'S PULLED AWAY AND THEN ALL  
15 KIND OF PEOPLE ARE JUST BENDING OVER THE VICTIM WHO IS OUT COLD  
16 AT THE TIME, HE'S NOT MOVING, AND THAT'S THE END OF THE VIDEO.

17 OKAY. HOW IT STARTED, WHO COULD HAVE CALLED SOMEBODY  
18 WHAT, EVERYBODY AROUND WHO IS THERE WHEN THIS EVENT HAPPENS HAS  
19 GOT A LARGE SERVING OF BEER IN FRONT OF THEM AND MOST OF THEM  
20 WERE SITTING THERE WHEN THE KICKING OCCURRED.

21 THAT MEANS THAT SOMETHING WENT ON THAT NOBODY EVEN  
22 PAID ALL THAT MUCH ATTENTION TO OR IT HAD CALMED DOWN BY THE  
23 TIME MR. PRATCHARD CAME BACK, BUT IT'S -- THERE'S A LOT OF  
24 DRINKING GOING ON THERE, I ACCEPT THAT.

25 I DON'T KNOW ALL THAT HAPPENED BEFORE. THE ARGUMENT

1 FROM THE GOVERNMENT IS YOU GOT A GUY WHO'S DOWN AND OUT AND YOU  
2 DON'T KICK HIM IN THE HEAD AND POSSIBLY KILL HIM IN THE  
3 PROCESS, THAT'S REALLY THE CASE.

4 SO IF MR. PRATCHARD WANTS TO EXPLAIN BEYOND AND, I  
5 THINK, ISN'T THERE MATERIAL IN THE PROBATION REPORT REGARDING  
6 HIS EXPLANATION?

7 **MR. LARKIN:** THERE IS, JUDGE.

8 **THE COURT:** I HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS HERE BECAUSE  
9 IT SAID IN MS. SEARLES' REPORT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE VICTIM  
10 ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL STAFF TO DRINKING SIX TO EIGHT 32 OUNCES  
11 OF BEER ON THE DAY OF THE INCIDENT.

12 NOW, A CUP IS EIGHT OUNCES, 32 OUNCES IS LIKE FOUR  
13 CUPS, THAT WOULD BE, I BELIEVE, A QUART, AND NOW YOU'RE SAYING  
14 THAT THE VICTIM ADMITTED TO DRINKING EIGHT QUARTS, WHICH WOULD  
15 BE 2 GALLONS OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

16 I DON'T HAVE TO FIGURE IT OUT FROM MY OLD SCHOOL DAYS,  
17 BUT LET'S SAY 2 GALLONS OF BEER HIMSELF, THAT'S YOUR  
18 UNDERSTANDING, MS. SEARLES?

19 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** YES, YOUR HONOR.

20 **THE COURT:** OKAY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT MR. PRATCHARD'S  
21 VIEW WAS ABOUT HIS OWN CONSUMPTION.

22 **MR. LARKIN:** JUDGE, HE STATED TO PROBATION THAT HE HAD  
23 JUST ARRIVED THERE AND HADN'T CONSUMED ANY ALCOHOL.

24 **THE COURT:** OKAY. SO HE'S SOBER AND THE VICTIM IS  
25 FALLING DOWN DRUNK. OKAY. DOES THAT HELP? I DON'T KNOW. NOT



1       NECESSARILY.

2               **MR. LARKIN:**   JUDGE, WHAT I THINK IT DOES IS HELP  
3       SOMEWHAT EXPLAIN HOW THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS CAME DOWN.

4               **THE COURT:**   WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE WITNESSES, SO I'M  
5       NOT SURE IF WE SHOULDN'T JUST GO AHEAD TODAY.   I DON'T WANT TO  
6       STOP YOU FROM PRESENTING WHAT YOU THINK YOU CAN, BUT I DON'T  
7       KNOW THAT THIS IS THE TIME TO HAVE MS. SEARLES NOW CHANGE HER  
8       REPORT.

9               IN OTHER WORDS, SHE ALREADY PREPARED THE REPORT.   YOU  
10      COULD SUBMIT LETTERS, I GUESS.

11              **MR. LARKIN:**   OKAY, JUDGE.   I WASN'T ASKING, YOU KNOW,  
12      I WASN'T SUGGESTING MS. SEARLES CHANGE HER REPORT.   I DON'T  
13      THINK THAT WHAT I HAVE HERE IS SOMETHING THAT WOULD DO THAT.

14              I MEAN, I'VE LETTERS FROM, CHARACTER REFERENCE  
15      LETTERS, AND THEN I HAVE TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE THERE THAT  
16      WERE WITNESSES TO WHAT HAPPENED.   SO I JUST --

17              **THE COURT:**   ASSUME THAT TWO INDIVIDUALS WOULD, IN YOUR  
18      VIEW, CORROBORATE WHAT MR. PRATCHARD SAID ABOUT HOW IT  
19      HAPPENED?

20              **MR. LARKIN:**   YEAH, ACTUALLY STARTED WITH ONE OF THE  
21      OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND ONE OF MR. PRATCHARD'S FRIENDS, AND THE  
22      OTHER VICTIM AND THE GROUP THAT HE WAS WITH, AND MR. PRATCHARD  
23      THEN GOT INVOLVED AFTER THE INITIAL PROBLEMS HAD STARTED WITH  
24      THIS OTHER INDIVIDUAL MR. PRATCHARD WAS WITH.

25              SO, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT SPEAKS TO MY ARGUMENT THAT

1 WHEN MR. PRATCHARD CAME IN IT WAS CONDUCT THAT STARTED OUT IN  
2 DEFENSE OF OTHERS AND THEN IN SELF-DEFENSE.

3 AND IT'S CERTAINLY NOT ARGUED HE WENT BEYOND THE  
4 BOUNDS OF SELF-DEFENSE WHEN HE KICKED THIS INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS  
5 ON THE GROUND, BUT IT'S NOT JUST AN UNPROVOKED ASSAULT AND, I  
6 THINK, HOW IT ALL CAME ABOUT IS SIGNIFICANT IN TERMS OF  
7 MITIGATION.

8 **THE COURT:** WELL, HE IS MORE THAN WELCOME, YOUR  
9 CLIENT, TO DESCRIBE THOSE EVENTS.

10 **MR. LARKIN:** OKAY.

11 **THE COURT:** LET'S JUST GO BACK FOR A MOMENT. THE  
12 LETTERS THAT YOU SAY YOU HAVE THAT YOU DIDN'T SUBMIT EARLIER  
13 FOR THE REASONS YOU DESCRIBED, DO YOU -- ARE THESE LETTERS THAT  
14 DESCRIBE THE EVENT?

15 ARE THEY LETTERS THAT GO TO HOW MR. PRATCHARD HAS  
16 OTHERWISE CONDUCTED HIS LIFE?

17 **MR. LARKIN:** THAT'S WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LETTERS FROM  
18 BOTH HIS MOTHER AND FATHER AND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL THAT ARE  
19 CHARACTER LETTERS I WAS JUST GIVEN TODAY AND --

20 **THE COURT:** I'M CERTAINLY WILLING TO ACCEPT THOSE AND  
21 READ THEM TO AVOID EVERYONE HAVING TO COME BACK. WHO ARE ALL  
22 THESE PEOPLE? ARE THESE PEOPLE IN THE COURTROOM SOMEONE THAT  
23 --

24 **MR. LARKIN:** THEY'RE HERE IN SUPPORT OF MR. PRATCHARD.

25 **THE COURT:** OKAY. WELL, THEN I'M ASSUMING THAT ALL

1 THINGS BEING EQUAL YOU WOULD RATHER GO FORWARD TODAY, IF YOU  
2 COULD, RATHER THAN HAVE ALL THESE PEOPLE, APPARENTLY TOOK TIME  
3 FROM THEIR OTHER ENDEAVORS TO HAVE TO COME BACK AGAIN OR NOT BE  
4 ABLE TO COME BACK AGAIN. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

5 I WAS JUST CHECKING SOMETHING RIGHT NOW THAT . . . I  
6 JUST WANTED TO DOUBLE-CHECK IN A CASE SUCH AS THIS BOTH THE  
7 VICTIM AND MR. PRATCHARD ARE ENTITLED TO BE HEARD IF THEY WISH  
8 TO BE BEFORE THE COURT WOULD IMPOSE ANY SENTENCE.

9 THIS IS RULE 32 THE FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL  
10 PROCEDURE, AND I JUST WANTED TO CHECK ONE MATTER, BUT THERE'S  
11 NO OTHER INDICATION THAT OTHER THAN COUNSEL OF PARTY OR AN  
12 INDIVIDUAL WHO'S ENTITLED TO SPEAK.

13 I DON'T WANT TO ASSUME SOMETHING THEN FIND OUT MY  
14 ASSUMPTION ISN'T CORRECT. I THINK THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT. YOU,  
15 MS. DOWLING, MR. PRATCHARD AND THE VICTIM, SO LET'S GO TO THE  
16 LETTERS.

17 DID YOU WANT TO HAND THOSE UP TO ME OR?

18 **MR. LARKIN:** YES.

19 **THE COURT:** OKAY. NOW, ARE THESE THE ORIGINALS? ARE  
20 THEY COPIES? WHAT DO I HAVE HERE?

21 THERE'S QUITE A FEW. ONE IS FROM, I GUESS, AN  
22 EMPLOYER, SOMEONE WHO BEEN AT THE OKTOBERFEST WHO SPONSORS THIS  
23 EVENT ANYWAY AND WHY?

24 DOESN'T SOUND LIKE SOMETHING WE REALLY NEED. THIS IS  
25 JOEL PRATCHARD, MR. PRATCHARD'S FATHER. I'M JUST LOOKING

1 THROUGH TO SEE WHO THE PEOPLE ARE WHO WROTE THESE.

2 ALSO, WENT TO THE OKTOBERFEST. THE DEFENDANT'S MOTHER  
3 AS YOU MENTIONED THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL. OKAY. SO I CAN  
4 TAKE A FEW MINUTES GIVE THE REPORTER A CHANCE TO CATCH HIS  
5 BREATH.

6 AS FAR AS THESE LETTERS THEY ARE NOT CURRENTLY IN ANY  
7 WAY A FORMAL PART OF THE RECORD AND I'M WILLING TO LOOK AT  
8 THEM, BUT IF YOU WANT THEM FILED AS A FORMAL PART OF THE RECORD  
9 YOU WOULD NEED TO TAKE THE LETTERS AND PUT THEM UNDER SEPARATE  
10 COVER AND DESCRIBE THEM AS SOMETHING SUCH AS CORRESPONDENCE  
11 SUBMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH SENTENCING HEARING ON X DATE, AND  
12 FOR THE RECORD THERE FROM BELINDA LOPEZ, DOTTY PRATCHARD, JANE  
13 HEAT, BRIT VAN BULLEN, JOEL PRATCHARD, ANDREW MCINTIRE, THIS  
14 ONE IS NOT SIGNED.

15 **MR. LARKIN:** WHICH ONE IS THAT, JUDGE?

16 **THE COURT:** I'LL GIVE IT BACK TO YOU SO YOU CAN LOOK  
17 AT IT, RENE DEROSHAE AND I DON'T KNOW IF THIS PERSON IDENTIFIED  
18 THEMSELVES BY NAME ALONG THE WAY. BUT THEY'RE FRIEND OF MR.  
19 PRATCHARD. WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT, IF THEY'RE HERE THEY  
20 COULD SIGN THE LETTER.

21 **MR. LARKIN:** IS HERE AND IT'S FROM ANDREW WHO IT'S  
22 ATTACHMENT TO A LETTER THAT --

23 **THE COURT:** OKAY. IF THAT INDIVIDUAL WANT TO SIGN  
24 THEIR LETTER THEY CAN DO IT. AND THEN YOU CAN HAND IT TO ME  
25 AND THEN YOU SHOULD SUBMIT THESE UNDERCOVER OF SOME SORT. MAY

1 AS WELL TAKE THE SIGNED COPY.

2 SOMETIMES PEOPLE WILL SAY THEIR NAME UP AT THE TOP AND  
3 THEN THAT MIGHT REALLY NEED, PERHAPS, TO HAVE IT SIGNED. SO  
4 THE LETTER I WAS JUST REFERRING TO IS FROM, MAYBE THAT'S JUST A  
5 COPY OF MR. MCINTIRE'S OTHER ONE. NO, HE WROTE TWO. OKAY. SO  
6 AS I WAS GOING THROUGH THESE, MS. DOWLING, YOU DID FIND U.S.  
7 COPIES OF THEM?

8 **MR. LARKIN:** SHE DOESN'T HAVE EVERYTHING, JUDGE. I  
9 GAVE HER WHAT I HAD AT THE TIME, BUT.

10 **THE COURT:** WHAT HAVE YOU GOT?

11 **MR. DOWLING:** SO I WAS PROVIDED THESE LETTERS RIGHT  
12 BEFORE THE HEARING. I HAVE A LETTER FROM DOTTY PRATCHARD, JOEL  
13 PRATCHARD.

14 **THE COURT:** ONE SECOND. YOU HAVE JOEL PRATCHARD, YOU  
15 HAVE DOTTY PRATCHARD, WHO ELSE DO YOU HAVE?

16 **MR. DOWLING:** BRIT VAN BULLEN, I HAVE A LETTER FROM  
17 BELINDA LOPEZ PH.D. AND A LETTER FROM JANE HEAT.

18 **THE COURT:** WHAT YOU'RE MISSING IS THE TWO PIECES OF  
19 CORRESPONDENCE FROM ANDREW MCINTIRE AND ALSO A LETTER FROM  
20 RENE, I THINK, I'M NOT SURE HOW TO PRONOUNCE IT, BUT I'M SAYING  
21 DEROSHAE.

22 AND I'LL ASK THAT AT THE BREAK THAT MS. LUCERO MAKE  
23 YOU A COPY OF THESE, SO THAT YOU'LL HAVE THE EXTRA THREE, AND  
24 THEN WE'LL TAKE 10 MINUTES.

25 **MR. LARKIN:** JUDGE, MR. PRATCHARD WAS ESSENTIALLY

1 GOING TO READ A WRITTEN STATEMENT THAT HE WROTE AND, I THINK,  
2 PERHAPS, IN THE INTEREST OF TIME IT WOULD BE FASTER TO PROVIDE  
3 THAT TO YOU AND A COPY TO COUNSEL.

4 **THE COURT:** IF HE WOULD LIKE TO READ THE STATEMENT,  
5 I'M NOT TRYING TO STOP HIM FROM MAKING ANY KIND OF A STATEMENT,  
6 IF HE WANTS TO HAND IT IN AS WELL HE CAN. BUT IF HE WOULD FEEL  
7 BETTER JUST READING IT, THAT'S FINE.

8 **MR. LARKIN:** HE'S HAPPY TO HAVE YOU READ IT.

9 **THE COURT:** THEN THAT'S ANOTHER DOCUMENT THAT NEEDS TO  
10 BE COPIED AND THAT ONE MS. LUCERO WILL NEED TWO COPIES OF.  
11 JUST ONE COPY.

12 SO WE'LL TAKE 10 MINUTES AT THIS TIME.

13 (RECESS TAKEN.)

14 (PROCEEDINGS RESUMED.)

15 **THE CLERK:** RECALLING CRIMINAL CASE NUMBER 08-553,  
16 UNITED STATES VERSE OF AMERICA VERSUS JOSHUA PRATCHARD.

17 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT. RETURNING THEN TO THE RECORD  
18 OF THIS MATTER. I READ THE LETTERS THAT WERE SUBMITTED ON  
19 BEHALF OF MR. PRATCHARD AND ALSO HIS OWN STATEMENT.

20 AND, MS. DOWLING, HAVE YOU HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ  
21 THOSE ADDITIONAL MATERIALS AS WELL?

22 **MR. DOWLING:** I HAVE, YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU.

23 **THE COURT:** WELL, THEN IF WE ARE GOING TO BE  
24 PROCEEDING AT THIS TIME I SUPPOSE THE BEST THING IS JUST TO  
25 TURN TO ONE OF YOU AND ALLOW YOU TO MAKE THE POINTS THAT YOU

1 WOULD LIKE TO MAKE, AND THEN HEAR FROM THE OTHER OR TO HEAR  
2 FROM THE WITNESS IF YOU WANTED.

3 IF HE WANTS TO SPEAK, I DON'T KNOW IF HE DOES, HE  
4 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM FIRST IF HE DOES.

5 **MR. DOWLING:** THE VICTIM HAS EXPRESSED, HE'S EXPRESSED  
6 HIS STORY THROUGH PROBATION, NOT INTERESTED IN SPEAKING.  
7 HOWEVER, THAT MAY CHANGE AFTER HEARING, SO IF WE COULD REVISIT  
8 THAT.

9 IF WE COULD CLARIFY ONE POINT FOR YOUR HONOR. I WAS  
10 SPEAKING WITH MS. SEARLES DURING THE BREAK AND THERE WAS A  
11 CONVERSATION ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF ALCOHOL THAT THE VICTIM HAD  
12 DURING THE OKTOBERFEST, AND IN THE PROBATION REPORT IT'S  
13 ACTUALLY A COMMENT THAT MS. SEARLES PICKED UP FROM THE MEDICAL  
14 RECORD AS OPPOSED TO A COMMENT IN SPEAKING WITH THE VICTIM HE  
15 MADE DIRECTLY TO HER.

16 IN OTHER WORDS, THE VICTIM BELIEVED HE DRANK TWO OR  
17 THREE OF THE 32-OUNCE CONTAINERS DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY  
18 AS OPPOSED TO THE SIX TO EIGHT OR 2 GALLONS. SO JUST TO  
19 CLARIFY IT WAS ABOUT A THIRD OF THE AMOUNT THAT'S IN THE  
20 REPORT.

21 **THE COURT:** SO HE HAD TWO OR THREE OF THE 32-OUNCE  
22 GLASSES?

23 **MR. DOWLING:** CORRECT.

24 **THE COURT:** NOW, DID YOU WANT TO GO FORWARD THEN AT  
25 THIS POINT, MS. DOWLING?

1           **MR. DOWLING:**   EITHER WAY IS FINE.

2           **THE COURT:**   WHY DON'T YOU BEGIN.   I HAVE YOUR  
3 MEMORANDUM.

4           **MR. DOWLING:**   JUST -- SO THEN JUST TO BEGIN, SINCE  
5 WE'RE ON THE TOPIC OF THE LETTERS, TO CONTINUE THERE, I THINK,  
6 TWO OF THE LETTERS FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF PERCIPIENT  
7 WITNESS, AND I THINK AT THIS JUNCTURE THOSE SHOULD NOT BE READ.  
8 THE REST OF LETTERS FALLEN FROM THE CHARACTER BUCKET, I THINK,  
9 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

10           BUT WITH REGARD TO THE PERCIPIENT WITNESS LETTERS,  
11 NEITHER OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAS BEEN -- THE OPPORTUNITY -- I  
12 DON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH THEM OR PUT THEM ON  
13 THE STAND, ET CETERA, AND I THINK WE HAVE THE DEFENDANT'S  
14 DISCUSSIONS WITH MS. SEARLES, MR. PRATCHARD DISCUSSION WITH HER  
15 AS TO WHAT HAPPENED AT THE EVENT.   YOU CAN GET THE STORY WHAT  
16 HAPPENED AT THE EVENT FROM HIM.

17           THERE IS DISAGREEMENT ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED SUBJECT TO  
18 MISUNDERSTANDING, I DON'T KNOW, BUT IN MY CONVERSATION WITH THE  
19 VICTIM AND HIS FRIEND, AND THIS INFORMATION IS IN MS. SEARLES'  
20 REPORT, THEY BELIEVE THEY WERE -- IT WAS A MISTAKEN IDENTITY,  
21 AND THAT THE VICTIM AND HIS FRIEND JUST TWO PEOPLE WERE WALKING  
22 THROUGH THE OKTOBERFEST AND THAT THEY WERE JUMPED BY ANOTHER  
23 GROUP OF PEOPLE.

24           OBVIOUSLY, MR. PRATCHARD PUT FORTH IN HIS STORY THAT  
25 HE BELIEVES HE WAS COMING TO THE RESCUE OF HIS FRIEND WHO WAS



1 BEING JUMPED BY A LARGE GROUP OF OTHER PEOPLE. SO THERE'S  
2 DEFINITELY DISAGREEMENT AS TO HOW THIS WHOLE FRACAS BEGAN.

3 SO, I THINK, IF WE FOCUS MORE ON THE VIDEO ASPECT AND  
4 WHAT WE SAW AND MR. PRATCHARD, IS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT  
5 HE'S PUTTING FORTH INFORMATION OF HOW HE BELIEVED IT BEGAN,  
6 THAT'S NOT A CERTAINTY OF HOW THIS WHOLE DISAGREEMENT DID  
7 BEGIN, THERE'S NO CERTAINTY ON THIS AT THIS JUNCTURE.

8 **THE COURT:** I SUPPOSE, THE CIRCUMSTANCES AS DESCRIBED  
9 BY EVERYONE EXCEPT, PERHAPS, MR. PRATCHARD SEEM TO BE MISSING  
10 SOME CONNECTORS.

11 IN OTHER WORDS, PEOPLE ARE WALKING THROUGH A CROWDED  
12 AISLE, DID SOMEBODY BUMP INTO SOMEONE AND SOMEBODY SAYS WATCH  
13 WHERE YOU'RE GOING, AND THE OTHER ONE TURNS AROUND AND BECOMES  
14 CONFRONTATION AND TURNS INTO A FIGHT, I DON'T KNOW.

15 THE IDEA THAT THEY WERE MISTAKEN, THE VICTIM AND HIS  
16 FRIEND WERE MISTAKEN ABOUT MR. MCINTIRE BEING PART OF SOME  
17 GROUP THAT APPARENTLY ASSAULTED THE VICTIM AND HIS FRIENDS  
18 EARLIER, I DON'T KNOW, THAT DOESN'T MAKE A LOT OF SENSE EITHER,  
19 FRANKLY.

20 IF YOU ACCEPT MR. MCINTIRE'S STATEMENT THAT HE WAS  
21 JUST WALKING THROUGH THERE'S, OBVIOUSLY, A CONFRONTATION,  
22 THAT'S TIGHT QUARTERS, PEOPLE ARE DRINKING. AS I SAY, I DON'T  
23 KNOW WE NEED THE SO-CALLED OCTOBER FESTIVAL.

24 BUT IN ANY EVENT, IT'S A RECIPE FOR PROBLEMS. AND AS  
25 IT TURNED OUT ONE WAS PRODUCED. I DON'T THINK THAT I CAN

1       TOTALLY ARBITRATE FROM THE MATERIAL THAT I HAVE EXACTLY HOW  
2       THIS STARTED AND WHETHER -- I DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE THE VICTIM'S  
3       NAME BECAUSE HE'S BEEN DESCRIBED AS DS IN THE PLEADING AND I  
4       THINK JUST THE VICTIM. DO I HAVE HIS NAME IN HERE OR NOT?

5               I DON'T KNOW THAT I DO AND HE MAY NOT WANT IT. UNLESS  
6       HE SPEAKS, MAYBE A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD, BUT THE POINT IS  
7       THAT I'LL JUST KEEP CALLING HIM THE VICTIM.

8               **MR. DOWLING:** I WON'T GIVE HIS NAME, BUT I WILL  
9       INTRODUCE THE VICTIM. YES, IN THE SECOND ROW. THE VICTIM IN  
10      THIS MATTER.

11              **THE COURT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DID SOMEBODY GRAB  
12      MR. PRATCHARD AS HE CAME FORWARD TO HELP HIS FRIEND?

13              WAS THAT PERSON THE VICTIM OF THE CRIME CHARGED?  
14              WAS IT SOMEBODY ELSE?

15              WHO TOOK A SWING AT MR. PRATCHARD? IF SOMEBODY DID.  
16              HOW DID THE VICTIM GET ON THE GROUND?

17              ACCORDING TO MR. PRATCHARD SOME KIND OF MUTUAL COMBAT  
18      STRUGGLE THEY BOTH ENDED UP ON THE GROUND. SOMEHOW  
19      MR. PRATCHARD GOT UP AND THE VICTIM WAS STILL ON THE GROUND.  
20      YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT REALLY TOTALLY CLEAR HERE.

21              I THINK, MR. PRATCHARD'S ARGUMENT THROUGH COUNSEL AND  
22      WHATEVER HE'S PRESENTED, IS THAT HOWEVER IT STARTED HE DIDN'T  
23      JUST WALK UP TO SOMEBODY LYING ON THE GROUND AND KICK HIM IN  
24      THE HEAD.

25              IN OTHER WORDS, HE'S DESCRIBING THERE WAS SOME KIND OF

1       EVENT THAT OCCURRED FIRST, I WILL NEVER KNOW EXACTLY WHAT  
2       STARTED, BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED.

3               SO TAKING THAT AS A GIVEN, I THINK, THEN YOU COULD  
4       MAKE WHAT ARGUMENT YOU FEEL WOULD BE APPROPRIATE BECAUSE WHAT  
5       WE DO KNOW IS WHATEVER ON THE VIDEO THE MEDICAL CONSEQUENCES OF  
6       THE ENCOUNTER FOR THE VICTIM SERIOUS INJURY, POTENTIALLY LIFE  
7       THREATENING AS TIME GOES ON.

8               AND SO THAT'S WHAT I SUGGEST THAT YOU FOCUS ON AS BEST  
9       YOU CAN IN THAT RESPECT, BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GOING TO KNOW, I  
10      DON'T THINK, UNLESS WE HAVE A TRIAL AND A JURY DECIDE WHO DID  
11      WHAT WHEN HOW FIRST.

12              **MR. DOWLING:**   SO IF WE START WITH OUR FOCUS POINT ON  
13      THE VIDEO, WHICH THE PARTIES HAVE BOTH SEEN, YOUR HONOR  
14      INDICATED THAT YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THE VIDEO AS  
15      WELL?

16              **THE COURT:**    I DID.

17              **MR. DOWLING:**   IT'S WHAT YOU SEE ON THAT VIDEO IS VERY  
18      SCARY.   YOU SEE AN INDIVIDUAL BEING STAMPED IN THE HEAD  
19      NUMEROUS TIMES.   AS WE KNOW FROM THE MEDICAL REPORTS THAT HAVE  
20      BEEN PROVIDED TO PROBATION, THE MEDICAL CONSEQUENCES OF THAT  
21      FACE STOMPING, FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM, HAVE BEEN SEVERE,  
22      BOTH AT THE TIME THE PAIN SUFFERED IN THE INSTANCE AND THE  
23      AFTERMATH, AND CURRENTLY THE VICTIM IS STILL SUFFERING FROM THE  
24      REPERCUSSIONS OF BEING STOMPED IN THE FACE.

25              AND THE MEDICAL REPORTS ALSO INDICATE THAT NOT ONLY

1 DOES HE HAVE WHAT HE PREVIOUSLY SUFFERED, WHAT HE'S CURRENTLY  
2 SUFFERING, HE HAS THE CONSEQUENCES POTENTIALLY WHAT HE COULD  
3 SUFFER IN THE FUTURE AN INCREASE INSTANCE OF ALZHEIMER AND  
4 EPILEPSY. HE'S HIGHER RISK FOR THOSE TWO BECAUSE OF THE CLOSED  
5 HEAD TRAUMA HE SUFFERED AT THE FOOT OF THE DEFENDANT IN THIS  
6 CASE.

7 SO COMBINE THAT WITH LOOKING AT MR. PRATCHARD'S PRIOR  
8 RECORD, IT'S NOT A CLEAN RECORD, WE HAVE A HISTORY HERE. THIS  
9 IS NOT SOMEONE WHO CAME INTO OKTOBERFEST AND GOT IN A FIGHT AND  
10 THIS IS ONE TIME EXPERIENCE, HE HAS A FAIRLY IN DEPTH RECORD.

11 HE WAS DISCHARGED, HE HAD A BAD CONDUCT DISCHARGE FROM  
12 THE MILITARY FOR DRUG DEALING AND WRAPPED UP IN THOSE CHARGES  
13 WHICH HE WAS CONVICTED OF THERE'S ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY FROM  
14 ADDITIONAL PEOPLE THAT HE THREATENED THEM IF THEY WERE TO COME  
15 FORWARD WITH THEIR STORY.

16 ONE INDIVIDUAL STATED THAT HE WAS OUTSIDE HIS HOME  
17 WITH A BASEBALL BAT AT ONE POINT. SO FROM THE RECORD IT  
18 APPEARS THAT NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO HAS A CRIMINAL  
19 RECORD, BUT THERE'S ALSO ADDITIONAL NOISE THAT'S WOULD SUGGEST  
20 THAT MR. PRATCHARD HAS AN ANGER MANAGEMENT PROBLEM, AND THAT  
21 THAT ANGER BROUGHT HIM TO STOMP ON THE FACE OF A PERSON WHO WAS  
22 LAYING ON THE GROUND MOTIONLESS.

23 AND THAT IS CONCERNING AND FOR THOSE ACTIONS AND  
24 WRAPPING IN HIS PRIOR RECORD FOR THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS CRIME  
25 AND THE MEDICAL CONSEQUENCES THE VICTIM IS GOING TO FACE, FACES

1 NOW AND CONTINUES TO FACE IN THE FUTURE, THE GOVERNMENT IS  
2 RECOMMENDING THE SENTENCE THAT PROBATION IS ALSO RECOMMENDING,  
3 WHICH SENTENCE OF 33 MONTHS.

4 AND THAT'S FROM A GUIDELINE CALCULATIONS AND THAT'S  
5 THE HIGH END OF THE GUIDELINE CALCULATIONS FOR THIS, FOR THESE  
6 FACTS IN THIS CASE.

7 **THE COURT:** AND, MS. SEARLES, YOU HAD AN OPPORTUNITY  
8 OR NOT TO SEE THESE LETTERS THAT WERE SUBMITTED MORE RECENTLY?

9 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** YES, I DID DURING THE RECESS.

10 **THE COURT:** IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION CHANGED AT ALL BY  
11 THESE RECENT SUBMISSIONS?

12 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** NO, IT HASN'T, YOUR HONOR.

13 **THE COURT:** THANK YOU. THEN I'M GOING TO TURN TO  
14 COUNSEL FOR MR. PRATCHARD AT THIS TIME.

15 **MR. LARKIN:** WELL, YOUR HONOR, DOESN'T SURPRISE ME  
16 THAT U.S. ATTORNEY WOULD JUST LIKE YOU TO LOOK AT THE VIDEO AND  
17 FOCUS ON THAT, BUT THE VIDEO JUST SHOWS THE LAST FEW SECONDS OF  
18 AN INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED.

19 AND WHAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THAT, WHILE IT MAY NOT BE  
20 POSSIBLE TO TOTALLY RESOLVE WHAT HAPPENED, YOU HAVE A SITUATION  
21 WHERE MR. PRATCHARD AND HIS FRIENDS HAD JUST COME INTO THE  
22 OKTOBERFEST.

23 THE VICTIM IN THE CASE HAD BEEN THERE BY ALL ACCOUNTS  
24 AND ALL THE MEDICAL RECORDS IS EXTREMELY INTOXICATED, AND AN  
25 ASSAULT OCCURS AND FOR CLARIFICATION THE VICTIM HAD NO

1 RECOLLECTION OF WHAT, IT'S NOT A DISPUTE WHERE HE HAS ANY  
2 INDEPENDENT RECOLLECTION OF WHAT TOOK PLACE.

3 HE CAME IN WITH A FRIEND THAT WAS THERE WHO WAS ALSO  
4 INJURED, WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THAT ALTERCATION AND, YOU KNOW,  
5 AND IT'S THAT INDIVIDUAL APPARENTLY TRIED TO CHARACTERIZE THIS  
6 AS JUST AN UNPROVOKED ASSAULT, WHICH I DON'T BELIEVE MAKES ANY  
7 SENSE.

8 I BELIEVE THIS WAS PRECIPITATED BY AND DRIVEN BY HIS  
9 EXTREME STATE OF INTOXICATION, AND I THINK THAT THAT IS  
10 SIGNIFICANT. BECAUSE WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHAT OCCURRED HERE THE  
11 VIDEO SHOWS A SERIES OF EVENTS AND IT STARTS OUT THAT THE  
12 VICTIM AND MR. PRATCHARD ARE LOCKED TOGETHER HOLDING ONTO EACH  
13 OTHER AND THEY'RE GOING ACROSS THE ROOM AND THEY FALL TO THE  
14 GROUND.

15 **THE COURT:** JUST A MOMENT. THE VIDEO THAT I GOT DOES  
16 NOT SHOW THAT. MY COPY THAT I WAS SHOWN. THERE'S A BLUR AND  
17 THERE'S THE VICTIM ON THE GROUND GETTING KICKED.

18 **MR. LARKIN:** I APOLOGIZE, JUDGE.

19 **THE COURT:** I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SEEN MORE WHAT  
20 HAPPENED, BUT.

21 **MR. LARKIN:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS RIGHT BEFORE THE  
22 VIDEO COMES INTO PLAY THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED. THE VICTIM AND  
23 MR. PRATCHARD WERE HOLDING ONTO EACH OTHER AND THEY TRIPPED  
24 OVER A BENCH OR A TABLE AND THEY BOTH FELL ON THE GROUND AND  
25 THE VICTIM, ACCORDING TO MR. PRATCHARD, FELL ON TOP OF HIM.

1           AND MR. PRATCHARD PUSHED HIM OFF AND GOT UP AND THAT'S  
2       WHEN YOU SEE HIM KICK THE VICTIM IN THE HEAD.   AND  
3       MR. PRATCHARD IN DEFENSE OF HIS CONDUCT I DON'T THINK AT THE  
4       TIME REALIZED THAT IN THE VIDEO YOU SEE THAT THE VICTIM IS JUST  
5       LYING THERE AND NOT DEFENDING HIMSELF, NOT EVEN ATTEMPTING TO  
6       GET UP.

7           AND WHAT MR. PRATCHARD HAD DONE, HE HADN'T -- THEY  
8       HELD ONTO EACH OTHER, WHEN HE FELL HE FELL A TOP OF  
9       MR. PRATCHARD, AND MR. PRATCHARD REASONABLY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND  
10      WHY HE WASN'T GETTING UP AS QUICKLY.

11          NOT LIKE HE SLAMMED HIS HEAD ON THE GROUND OR HIT HIM  
12      IN THE FACE OR ANYTHING TO SUGGEST TO MR. PRATCHARD THAT HE  
13      WOULD BE DISABLED, AND ALSO RUNNING THROUGH MR. PRATCHARD'S  
14      MIND HE HAD NO IDEA WHERE THE VICTIM FRIEND WAS WHO HE SAYS  
15      INITIALLY, INITIATED THE ASSAULT, AND THAT'S APPARENTLY THE  
16      PERSON WHO CAME IN AND SAID HE WAS STRUCK BY MR. PRATCHARD  
17      ALSO.

18          SO IN HINDSIGHT WHEN YOU SIT THERE AND LOOK AT THE  
19      VIDEO IT'S APPARENT THAT THE VICTIM IS NOT DEFENDING HIMSELF,  
20      AND I THINK THAT THE REASON HE'S NOT IS BECAUSE OF HIS EXTREME  
21      STATE OF INTOXICATION, NOT BECAUSE MR. PRATCHARD HAD PUNCHED  
22      HIM PREVIOUSLY OR DONE ANYTHING.

23          **THE COURT:**   ARE YOU SAYING THAT SOMEBODY WHO HAD THE  
24      ABILITY TO TOPPLE MR. PRATCHARD SUDDENLY BECAME SO INTOXICATED  
25      HE COULD NOT GET UP?

1           IN OTHER WORDS, IN ONE SECOND HE'S GONE FROM A FAIRLY  
2       AGGRESSIVE COMBATANT TO SOMEONE WHO INCAPABLE OF GETTING UP  
3       BECAUSE HE'S INTOXICATED AS OPPOSED TO BECAUSE HE'S INJURED IN  
4       SOME WAY ALREADY?

5           HE'S NOT GETTING UP, THERE'S NOTHING THAT SHOWS HE'S  
6       TRYING TO GET UP IN THE VIDEO. IN OTHER WORDS, THE VIDEO  
7       DOESN'T SHOW SOMEONE WHO'S RISING UP AND SOMEBODY WHO'S TRYING  
8       TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO KEEP HIM DOWN. HE'S REALLY JUST FLAT OUT  
9       THERE.

10          YES, PEOPLE PASS OUT, BUT NOT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES  
11       THAT, I THINK, YOU DESCRIBED OF BEING SORT OF A WORTHY PHYSICAL  
12       ADVERSARY, THEN SUDDENLY TURNING TO SOMEONE WHO CAN'T GET UP.  
13       ALSO, HIS EYES AREN'T OPEN. HE'S PRETTY MUCH JUST LYING THERE.

14          OKAY. THAT'S WHY I SAY I DON'T KNOW WHAT WENT ON  
15       BEFORE, APPARENTLY IT'S THREE AGAINST THREE OR WHATEVER IT IS,  
16       AND UP UNTIL THE POINT THAT YOU SEE THE KICKING NOBODY SEEMS TO  
17       CARE. ALL RIGHT.

18          IN OTHER WORDS, WHATEVER YOU WERE DESCRIBING AS BEING  
19       THIS REAL KIND OF BROUHAHA, NOBODY SEEMED TO HAVE GOTTEN MOVED  
20       OUT OF THE WAY, DID ANYTHING. THEY'RE ALL SITTING THERE  
21       DRINKING LIKE NOTHING IS GOING ON AND ALL OF A SUDDEN THE LOOKS  
22       AND THERE'S A GUY ON THE GROUND WHOSE GETTING KICK IN THE HEAD,  
23       THEN PEOPLE START TO SORT OF PAY ATTENTION. MAYBE THEY'RE ALL  
24       SAUCED TO THE GILLS, I DON'T KNOW.

25          BUT WHATEVER THE STORY IS NOBODY WAS ACTING LIKE, OH,



1 BOY, LOOK AT THIS. THEY DON'T EVEN LOOK LIKE THEY'RE WATCHING  
2 A FIGHT. IT'S NOTHING. THEY'RE JUST SITTING THERE DRINKING.  
3 SITTING AT THEIR LITTLE TABLES LIKE JUST ANOTHER DAY IN THE  
4 PARK FOR THEM.

5 REALLY THE WHOLE THING IS VERY STRANGE, I HAVE TO TELL  
6 YOU. WHAT ISN'T STRANGE, IS WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE VICTIM  
7 ONCE HE'S ON THE GROUND. THIS IS NOT GOOD, BUT WHATEVER  
8 HAPPENED BEFORE IS, AS I SAY, I WASN'T THERE.

9 MR. LARKIN: AND, JUDGE, I NOTICED THE SAME THING THAT  
10 YOU DID, THE PEOPLE THAT WERE AROUND, THE SPECTATORS AROUND  
11 WEREN'T PAYING MUCH ATTENTION, AND I THINK PART OF THAT MAYBE  
12 ATTRIBUTED TO THE FACT THAT WHAT TOOK PLACE INITIATED A LITTLE  
13 DISTANCE AWAY AND --

14 THE COURT: WAIT A MINUTE. HOW WAS IT INITIATED A  
15 DISTANCE AWAY?

16 MR. LARKIN: WELL, MY UNDERSTANDING WAS WHEN  
17 MR. PRATCHARD AND THE VICTIM LOCKED WITH EACH OTHER THEY MOVED  
18 ACROSS THE ROOM A SHORT DISTANCE UNTIL THEY TRIPPED OVER  
19 SOMETHING THEN FELL ON THE GROUND. IT WAS -- I'M NOT SURE HOW  
20 FAR THAT WAS, BUT.

21 THE COURT: MAYBE I SHOULD PLAY THE VIDEO AGAIN. IT  
22 DIDN'T LOOK LIKE ANYBODY WAS STANDING UP BECAUSE THEY GOTTEN  
23 FALLEN ON OR HAD TO BE OUT OF THE WAY OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

24 MR. LARKIN: YOU'RE RIGHT, THEY DIDN'T.

25 THE COURT: IT'S KIND OF LIKE NOTHING HAPPENS UNTIL

1 HE'S ON THE GROUND AND IT'S LIKE IT WAS TAKING PEOPLE BY  
2 SURPRISE. YOU'RE DESCRIBING SOMETHING THAT SORT OF SHOULD HAVE  
3 CLEARED THE AREA.

4 GOT SIX PEOPLE FIGHTING IN A VERY ENCLOSED PLACE, NOW  
5 HOW DOES THAT GO DOWN BETWEEN THESE LITTLE TABLES AND AISLE  
6 DOWN THE MIDDLE AND YET EVERYBODY JUST SITTING THERE DRINKING?  
7 AS I SAY, THERE'S SOMETHING THAT ISN'T ADDING UP HERE. I DON'T  
8 KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT.

9 MR. LARKIN: MY UNDERSTANDING IS THERE WERE LIKE FOUR,  
10 ANDREW WHO WAS WITH MR. PRATCHARD AND THE VICTIM AND A  
11 GENTLEMAN THAT WAS WITH THE VICTIM.

12 THE COURT: YOU GOT MR. PRATCHARD AND TWO FRIENDS,  
13 HE'S IN THE MIDDLE?

14 MR. LARKIN: HE'S WITH OTHER PEOPLE.

15 THE COURT: HE'S WITH TWO OTHER PEOPLE ACCORDING TO  
16 HIM, HE'S WALKING DOWN THE AISLE ACCORDING TO HIM AND  
17 MR. MCINTIRE, I THINK, BOTH OF THEM THEY'RE ALL WALKING DOWN,  
18 THEY'RE GOING TO GO WHEREVER THEY'RE GOING TO GO MINDING THEIR  
19 OWN BUSINESS, ALL OF A SUDDEN MR. PRATCHARD REALIZES  
20 MR. MCINTIRE NOT WITH HIM, HE TURNS AROUND, GOES BACK AND HE  
21 FINDS HIM WITH THESE OTHER PEOPLE AND THEN IT'S PUNCHES, AND  
22 WHO KNOWS EVERYBODY SHIRT GRABBING AND WHATEVER GOING ON AND  
23 APPARENTLY NOBODY ELSE SEEMED TO THINK THAT WAS VERY  
24 INTERESTING.

25 IF IT HAPPENED, CERTAINLY DIDN'T CLEAR THE AREA. I'D

1 GET OUT OF THE WAY IF I SAW SIX GUYS FIGHTING. I WOULDN'T, AT  
2 A MINIMUM, WANT TO BE IN THE LINE OF FIRE, HOPING NOT TO GET  
3 BEER ALL OVER ME.

4 WHATEVER HAPPENED HERE THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S NOT  
5 MATCHING THE VIDEO. IF THE VIDEO IS SHOWING WHAT WAS GOING ON  
6 AFTER EVERYTHING CALMED DOWN, THEN THERE'S EVEN LESS REASON TO  
7 BE OPERATING IN THE WAY THAT MR. PRATCHARD WAS BECAUSE AT THAT  
8 POINT IT'S OVER. AND SOMEBODY JUST THROWING IN A COUPLE OF  
9 GRATUITOUS KICKS. TRY THAT AGAIN BANG BANG.

10 NOW, AS I SAID, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE, BUT  
11 IT WASN'T A CHAOTIC SCENE AS FAR AS WHAT'S PICKED UP ON THE  
12 VIDEO. OKAY.

13 **MR. LARKIN:** WELL, I THINK, ACCORDING TO MR. PRATCHARD  
14 EVERYTHING HAPPENED VERY QUICKLY. IN RETROSPECT LOOKING AT THE  
15 VIDEO IT WAS, I THINK, SHOCKING TO HIM THAT THE VICTIM HADN'T  
16 MOVED OR WHATEVER. I DON'T KNOW THAT HE REALIZED THAT AT THE  
17 TIME.

18 **THE COURT:** IS IT YOUR THOUGHT THAT IF SOMEONE HAS  
19 GOTTEN INTO SOME KIND OF BEAR HUG STRUGGLE WITH YOU, AND I  
20 DON'T UNDERSTAND MR. PRATCHARD GOT HURT IN THIS ENCOUNTER IN  
21 ANYWAY, DID HE?

22 **MR. LARKIN:** HE DID NOT.

23 **THE COURT:** SOMEBODY GETS INTO SOME KIND OF BEAR HUG  
24 STRUGGLE WITH YOU, THEY FALL DOWN, THEY'RE GOING TO TRY TO GET  
25 UP AND YOU CAN KICK THEM IN THE HEAD?

1           **MR. LARKIN:** JUDGE, I'M NOT --

2           **THE COURT:** YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUN FROM THE SCENE, BUT  
3 YOU HAVE CERTAIN CHOICES HERE. YOU CAN'T JUST, YOU CAN'T SHOOT  
4 THE PERSON, FOR EXAMPLE, YOU CAN'T HIT HIM OVER THE HEAD WITH A  
5 BROKEN BEER BOTTLE.

6           THERE'S A CERTAIN -- YOU GOT TWO, MR. PRATCHARD HAS A  
7 RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND, ALL RIGHT, YOU CAN TURN THE OTHER CHEEK,  
8 MOST PEOPLE DON'T, OKAY, YOU COULD, YOU COULD GET OUT OF THERE,  
9 IF YOU CAN.

10           IF YOU CAN'T, THEN YOU HAVE THE, OBVIOUSLY, A RIGHT TO  
11 DEFEND YOURSELF, BUT WITH A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF FORCE AND  
12 RESPONSE.

13           AND SO IT CAN ONLY GO SO FAR WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT  
14 WHAT YOU WOULD DESCRIBE AS A DRUNKEN BRAWL WITH OTHER PEOPLE  
15 BEING THE DRUNKS AND YOUR CLIENT BEING SOBER BUT.

16           **MR. LARKIN:** JUST TWO OTHER POINTS.

17           **THE COURT:** IT IS DEADLY FORCE, IT'S A KIND OF THING  
18 WHERE PEOPLE GET BLOOD CLOTS THEY DON'T MAKE IT TO THE  
19 HOSPITAL. SO WE DON'T HAVE A DEAD PERSON, THAT'S FINE, BUT  
20 IT'S VERY SERIOUS FORCE, BRAIN DAMAGE, ALL KIND OF THINGS.

21           YOU ONLY HAVE ONE BRAIN, YOU CAN'T PATCH IT UP, YOU  
22 CAN'T PUT IT IN A SPLINT, DOESN'T GO AWAY LIKE A BLACK EYE.  
23 ANYWAY, I RECOGNIZE THAT EMOTIONS WERE UP.

24           **MR. LARKIN:** OKAY. WELL, MOVING ONTO JUST MR. -- THE  
25 ONE OTHER THING I WANTED TO SAY, I'M THOUGHT SOMEWHAT TELLING

1       BEFORE I DO THAT IS, I THINK, IT'S SIGNIFICANT THAT AT THE TIME  
2       THIS VICTIM WAS NOT THE ONLY PERSON THAT THREATENED  
3       MR. PRATCHARD.

4               HE HAD NO IDEA WHERE THE OTHER PERSON WAS AND IT'S NOT  
5       LIKE SOMEBODY GRABBED YOU IN A BEAR HUG, THEY WERE -- THERE WAS  
6       ANOTHER PERSON WHO HAD STRUCK OUT ACCORDING TO MR. PRATCHARD  
7       BEFORE THE VICTIM GRABBED HIM.

8               **THE COURT:**   MR. PRATCHARD SAYS HE GOT HIT IN THE HEAD?

9               **MR. LARKIN:**   RIGHT.

10              **THE COURT:**   I THINK, MR. MCINTIRE CORROBORATING THAT.  
11       MS. DOWLING DOESN'T FEEL I SHOULD CONSIDER MR. MCINTIRE'S  
12       VERSION OF EVENTS BECAUSE HE HASN'T BEEN SWORN SUBJECT TO  
13       CROSS-EXAMINATION, ET CETERA.   TECHNICALLY NEITHER HAS THE  
14       VICTIM BEEN SWORN AND SUBJECT TO CROSS-EXAMINATION, WE ONLY  
15       KNOW THE FINALITY.

16              **MR. LARKIN:**   AND I SUBMITTED TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY  
17       EARLY ON A STATEMENT THAT SELF-DEFENSE WAS GOING TO BE ASSERTED  
18       AND THE NAMES OF THE WITNESSES AND WHAT THEY WOULD SAY.   I  
19       CAN'T SAY, I THINK, IT'S A BIG SURPRISE THAT AND --

20              **THE COURT:**   SHE'S NOT SAYING THAT.   SHE SAYS, IF YOU  
21       WANTED A TRIAL YOU COULD CALL THE PERSON, YOU CAN CROSS-EXAMINE  
22       THEM AND FIGURE OUT WHOSE THE BEST HISTORIAN.

23              **MR. LARKIN:**   AS YOU RECALL, ON THE DAY THAT  
24       MR. PRATCHARD PLED, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU DO RECALL, BUT HE  
25       AGONIZED OVER WHAT TO DO.   WASN'T AN EASY DECISION FOR HIM

1 BECAUSE YOU KNOW IT'S THAT FINE LINE BETWEEN WHERE SELF-DEFENSE  
2 ENDS AND, I THINK, WAS NOT AN EASY DECISION.

3 I THINK, THERE WERE FACTORS IN MITIGATION. I'M NOT  
4 TRYING IN ANY WAY JUSTIFY WHAT HE DID, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT'S  
5 REASONABLE THAT THIS WAS JUST UNPROVOKED ASSAULT. THAT'S  
6 REALLY WHAT I WANT, ALL I REALLY WANT TO SAY ABOUT THE  
7 INCIDENT.

8 BEYOND THAT, YOU KNOW, LISTENING, AGAIN, TO THE U.S.  
9 ATTORNEY YOU THINK THAT MR. PRATCHARD HAD SOME EXTENSIVE  
10 CRIMINAL HISTORY. HE HAS ONE CRIMINAL CONVICTION WHEN HE WAS  
11 IN THE MARINE CORP WHEN HE WAS 19 YEARS OLD. THAT IS EIGHT  
12 YEARS OLD, I BELIEVE, AND IT'S NOT A SERIOUS OFFENSE.

13 BUT IT INVOLVES THE SALES AND DISTRIBUTION OF ECSTASY,  
14 WASN'T A LARGE AMOUNT, BUT THE PROBATION REPORT GOES ON FOR  
15 THREE PAGES ABOUT ALLEGATIONS OF THREATS OR WHATEVER, THAT WERE  
16 NEVER PROVED, WERE DISMISSED AND HE HAS ABSOLUTELY NO  
17 CONVICTIONS FOR ANYTHING THAT ALLEGES ASSAULTIVE CONDUCT OR  
18 VIOLENCE.

19 YOU KNOW WHAT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT THERE ARE  
20 ALLEGATIONS THAT WERE DISMISSED AND, PERHAPS, SHOULDN'T IGNORE  
21 IT. I DON'T KNOW IT'S APPROPRIATE TO TREAT IT LIKE HE HAS SOME  
22 PRIOR CRIMINAL CONVICTION FOR ANY ASSAULTIVE CONDUCT OTHER THAN  
23 THAT HE HAS ONE TICKET THAT WENT TO A FAILURE TO APPEAR.

24 HE DOESN'T HAVE AN EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL HISTORY AND THE  
25 ONE CONVICTION IS, I THINK, NOT AS PROBATION REPORT SAYS, NOT

1 TOO DISTANT, BUT WAS QUITE AWHILE AGO WHEN HE WAS A YOUNG MAN  
2 IN THE MARINE CORP.

3 NOW HE'S A MUCH DIFFERENT PERSON, HE'S GOT A YOUNG SON  
4 THAT HE'S CONCERNED ABOUT, THAT HE'S DESCRIBED AS A WONDERFUL  
5 FATHER. I THINK, ANYONE WHO KNOWS HIM WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT.

6 HE'S GOT A GOOD JOB AND I JUST DON'T THINK IT'S  
7 REASONABLE FOR FACTS IN THIS CASE TO SEND MR. PRATCHARD TO  
8 PRISON WHEN HE'S OTHERWISE A PRODUCTIVE HUMAN BEING THAT, I  
9 THINK, DESERVES SOME CONSIDERATION.

10 EVEN IF THERE'S SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF RESTITUTION  
11 THAT'S ALLEGED IN THIS CASE, THAT SOME OF IT I QUESTION.  
12 THERE'S ALMOST \$6,500 IN LOST WAGES FOR SOMEONE WHO WASN'T  
13 EMPLOYED AT THE TIME THAT THE INCIDENT OCCURRED.

14 HE TALKS ABOUT, PROBATION TALKS ABOUT A LOSS  
15 POSSIBILITY OF A JOB OPPORTUNITY AND THEN THERE'S \$5,000  
16 ALLEGED FOR SURGERY THAT HASN'T TAKEN PLACE IN THE LAST COUPLE  
17 OF YEARS.

18 MEDICAL RECORDS IN THIS CASE THAT, I THINK, ARE THE  
19 MOST TELLING TALK ABOUT A MILLION DOLLARS DISPLACEMENT BONE  
20 FRACTURE ON THE NOSE THAT HASN'T BEEN REPAIRED.

21 **THE COURT:** THERE'S BEEN NEUROLOGICAL PROBLEMS THAT  
22 WERE DESCRIBED BY THE VICTIM AND APPARENTLY SUPPORTED TO SOME  
23 EXTENT BY MEDICAL RECORD.

24 IN LOOKING AT MS. SEARLES' RECOMMENDATION SHE IS  
25 RECOMMENDING RESTITUTION THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE CLAIM. NOW

1 SOME OF THE POINTS THAT YOU MAKE ARE VALID POINTS ABOUT THE  
2 RESTITUTION. I MIGHT WANT TO ASK MS. SEARLES ABOUT THAT AND  
3 ALSO WHETHER I BELIEVE I HAVE TO FIX A RESTITUTIONARY SUM.

4 NOW, I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S SUBJECT TO ANY ADJUSTMENT  
5 LATER, AND YET IF SOMEBODY HASN'T HAD SURGERY I DON'T THINK IT  
6 CAN BE REIMBURSED FOR SURGERY THEY HAVEN'T HAD, ASSUMING THAT  
7 IT'S NOT COVERED BY MEDICAL INSURANCE.

8 FOR EXAMPLE, WE DON'T HAVE ANY LIEN CLAIMANT HERE,  
9 WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT MEDICAL LIEN. SO I MIGHT WANT TO ASK  
10 MS. SEARLES SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT HER CALCULATIONS IN THAT  
11 RESPECT.

12 BUT THERE ARE RECORDS FROM A NEUROLOGIST WHO HAD  
13 DESCRIBED THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE INJURY, AND MS. SEARLES HASN'T  
14 BROKEN DOWN WHAT SHE RELIED ON FOR THE MEDICAL COST, SO -- AND  
15 LOST WAGES, I COULD ASK HER THAT FACT.

16 **MR. LARKIN:** AND, JUDGE, THERE'S CURRENTLY A PENDING  
17 CIVIL CASE BY THE DEFENDANT AGAINST MY CLIENT AND THE PRESIDIO  
18 AND THE PARTY THAT PUT ON THE OKTOBERFEST. I'M FAR LESS  
19 CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THE AMOUNT OF RESTITUTION IS IN THIS CASE  
20 THAN I AM ABOUT THE CUSTODIAL STATUS OF MY CLIENT.

21 **THE COURT:** WELL, TALKING ABOUT THAT FOR A MOMENT THEN  
22 AND, PERHAPS, MORE THAN A MOMENT. JUST GOING BACK TO THE  
23 INJURIES FOR A MINUTE.

24 ACCORDING TO MS. SEARLES THERE WAS A REPORT BY A PARK  
25 POLICE OFFICER, THIS IS AT PARAGRAPH SEVEN ON PAGE THREE, AND



1 THE POLICE OFFICER SAID HE TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE, I'M SORRY,  
2 THE VICTIM HAD CONTACTED THE OFFICER AND SAID HE TOOK  
3 PHOTOGRAPHS OF HIS INJURIES.

4 NOW, I DON'T KNOW IF MS. SEARLES EVER GOT THOSE  
5 PHOTOGRAPHS, BUT ACCORDING TO WHAT THE PARAGRAPH SAYS, I DON'T  
6 KNOW IF THIS IS COMING FROM A POLICE REPORT OR FROM THE VICTIM,  
7 IS THIS FROM THE POLICE REPORT?

8 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** YES, IT IS, YOUR HONOR.

9 **THE COURT:** APPARENTLY, THE OFFICER REPORTED THAT THE  
10 VICTIM HAD TWO BLACK AND SWOLLEN EYES AND NUMEROUS CUTS,  
11 ABRASIONS AND BRUISING TO HIS HEAD.

12 NOW, IF -- I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF THAT INJURY IS THE  
13 PRODUCT OF WHATEVER HAPPENED. FIRST, IF IT IS, HE WAS  
14 CERTAINLY GETTING THE LOSING END HERE.

15 IF HE WAS TAKING THE LOSING END OF ANY FIGHT, IF THERE  
16 WERE A FIGHT, IF HE HAD THAT MANY INJURIES TO HIS HEAD, THEN IT  
17 SUGGESTS THERE WERE A FAIR NUMBER OF BLOWS STRUCK TO HIS HEAD  
18 IN THAT LAST ENCOUNTER. IT'S HARD TO TELL.

19 HE DID HAVE A FRACTURED JAW, A BROKEN NOSE AND A  
20 CONCUSSION. HE DID NOT JUST HAVE A DISLOCATED SEPTUM OR  
21 SOMETHING OF THAT NATURE. SO ALSO APPARENTLY HE TOOK --  
22 WHOEVER WAS WITH HIM HAD A BLACK EYE ALSO.

23 NOW, PERHAPS, JUST TAKE A MINUTE TO ASK MS. SEARLES.  
24 WAS ANY DOCUMENTATION GIVEN TO YOU IN THE FORM OF MEDICAL BILLS  
25 THAT TOTALED THE \$8,000?

1           **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** YES, YOUR HONOR. THE VICTIM  
2 DID SUBMIT SOME MEDICAL BILLS, NOT ALL, TOTALING THAT AMOUNT,  
3 AND COPIES OF THOSE RECORDS WERE FURNISHED TO BOTH THE  
4 GOVERNMENT AND TO DEFENSE COUNSEL.

5           I ALSO FURNISHED A COPY TO ALL PARTIES, A COPY OF A  
6 LETTER THAT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE VICTIM WHERE I HAD ASKED HIM  
7 TO PLEASE PROVIDE SOME PROOF REGARDING HIS LOST WAGES AND HE  
8 SUBMITTED A LETTER WHICH I'VE GIVEN TO BOTH COUNSELS AND I'LL  
9 FORWARD TO YOUR HONOR.

10          **THE COURT:** OKAY. REGARDING HIS LOST WAGES. GIVE  
11 THAT TO MS. LUCERO, PLEASE. HOW MUCH OF THE MEDICAL COST WERE  
12 SUPPORTED BY THE DOCUMENTATION?

13          **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** THAT'S NOT AN EASY QUESTION TO  
14 ANSWER. THE MEDICAL RECORDS I ACCEPT SOME WERE DUPLICATE, SOME  
15 WERE LISTED AND BILLS WERE NOT ATTACHED. I DO BELIEVE YOU HAVE  
16 A COPY OF WHAT I HAVE. IT WAS AN ENCLOSURE WITH THE REPORT.

17          **THE COURT:** I DON'T THINK SO. I THINK, IS THE TAPE,  
18 OR THE CD, OR THE VIDEO. THAT'S ALL I HAVE. I DON'T HAVE THE  
19 DOCUMENTATION.

20          USUALLY I DON'T GET IT. THERE WOULD BE SOME  
21 DESCRIPTION OF WHAT IT WAS, BUT IF THE VICTIM DID PAY THOSE  
22 SUMS, DID HE PAY THEM BY CHECK?

23          IS HE JUST BEING BILLED FOR THAT AMOUNT THAT HE HASN'T  
24 YET PAID IT?

25          IN OTHER WORDS, HE LAST AN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATION, DID

1 HE EXPLAIN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER?

2 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** MY UNDERSTANDING HE HAS PAID  
3 THEM AND HIS PARENTS HELPED HIM WITH THE COST OR HE PUT IT ON  
4 CREDIT CARDS.

5 **THE COURT:** HE SHOULD HAVE CANCELED CHECKS FOR ALL OF  
6 THAT.

7 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** I'VE NOT RECEIVED THOSE.

8 **THE COURT:** MIGHT WANT TO ASK HIM WHY HE DOESN'T.  
9 IF -- AND IF HE STATES HE HAD NO MEDICAL INSURANCE, THEN IT  
10 WOULD BE -- THEN THAT WOULD BE A SUM CERTAIN THAT WOULD BE  
11 ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ENCOUNTER.

12 THE LOST WAGES WHAT I HAVE IS A STATEMENT FROM AN  
13 EMPLOYER WHO SAID HIS EMPLOYMENT HAD TO BE DELAYED BY REASON OF  
14 HIS INJURIES, BUT THERE'S NOTHING IN THAT STATEMENT THAT  
15 INDICATES THAT HE WOULD HAVE MADE IN THAT TIME PERIOD.

16 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** YOUR HONOR, MAY I SUBMIT THIS  
17 DOCUMENTATION THAT HE SUBMITTED TO ME, THAT BOTH PARTIES HAVE,  
18 THAT WAS SUPPOSE TO HAVE BEEN INCLUDED WITH THE REPORT.

19 **THE COURT:** MAYBE IT'S HERE, I'M JUST MISSING IT. I  
20 DON'T SEE ANYTHING BUT A STANDARD REPORT.

21 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** I APOLOGIZE, I'M NOT SURE WHAT  
22 HAPPENED.

23 **THE COURT:** I CAN'T SIT HERE START GOING THROUGH THIS  
24 NOW TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE WHETHER IT'S  
25 SUPPORTED OR ISN'T, AND SO HOW WOULD I FIGURE THAT OUT?

1 I DON'T KNOW THERE'S A WHOLE THING HERE THAT COMES OUT  
2 TO MEDICAL VISITS WITH A TOTAL OF \$8,000. A GOOD PORTION OF IT  
3 BEING A CT SCAN AND THOSE ARE VERY EXPENSIVE AND CAN BE VERY  
4 COSTLY, SO HE PICKS UP \$4,000 JUST TO GET A CT.

5 I DON'T KNOW THAT WE CAN ADD INTO IT NECESSARILY  
6 POSSIBLE SURGERY, I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THAT. AND THEN THE LOST  
7 WAGES THAT YOU HAVE, WHERE IS THAT THEN SUPPORTED OTHER THAN --

8 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** JUST A LETTER, YOUR HONOR.

9 **THE COURT:** THE LETTER DOESN'T STATE A SUM, DOES IT?

10 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** NO, DOES NOT.

11 **THE COURT:** HOW DO WE KNOW THAT IT'S \$6,000?

12 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** I APOLOGIZE, THE VICTIM HAS  
13 INDICATED ON THE FACE SHEET OF THAT DOCUMENT I JUST SUBMITTED  
14 TO YOU HOW MUCH HIS EARNINGS WERE PER DAY AT THE BOTTOM OF THAT  
15 FORM.

16 **THE COURT:** DID YOU CONFIRM THAT WITH THE EMPLOYER?

17 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** I JUST GOT THE LETTER, I'M  
18 SORRY, I'VE NOT.

19 **THE COURT:** DO YOU USUALLY DO THAT?

20 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** I CAN IF IT'S IN DISPUTE.

21 **THE COURT:** I HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING. SO IF IT IS  
22 NOT, THEN THAT'S FINE. THERE WAS SOME QUESTION THAT WAS RAISED  
23 HERE, BUT IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE IT WAS A JOB HE DIDN'T GET,  
24 SOUND LIKE A JOB HE HAD BEEN OFFERED BUT HAD TO DELAY STARTING.

25 AS I UNDERSTAND IT, AS OPPOSED TO I COULD HAVE HAD A

1 JOB BUT I DIDN'T GET IT BECAUSE, WHICH COULD BE DIFFERENT. LET  
2 ME HAND THESE BACK TO MS. SEARLES, JUST SO SHE'LL HAVE THAT FOR  
3 REFERENCE IF SHE NEEDS IT.

4 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

5 **THE COURT:** GETTING BACK, WHAT ARE YOU RECOMMENDING AS  
6 AN APPROPRIATE SENTENCE?

7 **MR. LARKIN:** JUDGE, WHAT MY PRIMARY CONCERN WITH  
8 MR. PRATCHARD IS HE'S GOT A GOOD JOB, WHICH IS NOT AN EASY  
9 THING IN THIS DAY'S ECONOMY AND HE'S GOT A YOUNG SON THAT HE'S  
10 WANTING TO PROVIDE FOR.

11 THIS IS A CASE THAT'S TWO YEARS OLD. THERE HAVEN'T  
12 BEEN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROBLEMS AND, I BELIEVE, HE POSES NO THREAT  
13 TO THE COMMUNITY. AND I WOULD, YOU KNOW, ASK FOR SOME TYPE OF  
14 DISPOSITION THAT WOULD ALLOW HIM TO BE ON ELECTRONIC HOME  
15 DETENTION AS OPPOSED TO BEING INCARCERATED IN PRISON.

16 **THE COURT:** OKAY. I UNDERSTAND.

17 **MR. LARKIN:** ONE THING YOU SAID A MINUTE AGO, JUDGE,  
18 THAT I WANTED TO ADDRESS IN TERMS OF, I THINK CERTAINLY THE  
19 SERIOUSNESS OF THE INJURIES DRIVE WHAT'S HAPPENING, AND I WENT  
20 THROUGH ALL THE MEDICAL RECORD THAT WERE PROVIDED INITIALLY  
21 WITH THE DISCOVERY, WHICH WERE THE INCIDENTAL REPORTS OF THE  
22 MEDICAL TREATMENT THAT THE VICTIM RECEIVED AND THEN THE COPIES  
23 OF WHAT PROBATION PROVIDED THAT WAS JUST REFERRED TO, AND  
24 NOWHERE DO I SEE ANY DIAGNOSIS THAT THE VICTIM SUFFERED A  
25 BROKEN JAW, OR WAS TREATED FOR A BROKEN JAW, OR HAD SURGERY FOR

1 A BROKEN JAW. AND THERE'S THE MEDICAL REPORT TALKED ABOUT A  
2 DEVIATED SEPTUM AND NASAL FRACTURE AND THEY DON'T SAY NOTHING  
3 ABOUT THAT.

4 **THE COURT:** PERHAPS, I SHOULD INQUIRE THE PROBATION  
5 OFFICER, SHE IS GETTING THIS INFORMATION FROM THE VICTIM, WHO  
6 APPARENTLY TOLD HER HE HAD A FRACTURED JAW AND CONCUSSIONS.

7 IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE RECORDS YOU HAVE,  
8 MS. SEARLES, THAT WOULD SUPPORT THAT OR SHOW THAT HE DID?

9 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** YOUR HONOR, THIS WAS  
10 INFORMATION THAT THE VICTIM RELAYED TO THE POLICE OFFICER TWO  
11 DAYS AFTER THE INCIDENT.

12 **THE COURT:** I DON'T HAVE, THE GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY  
13 HAD MEDICAL RECORDS SOMEWHERE IN THEIR FILE, WAS THAT RIGHT?

14 **MR. DOWLING:** YES, WE PROVIDED THOSE MEDICAL RECORDS  
15 TO PROBATION AS WELL.

16 **THE COURT:** AND ACCORDING TO PROBATION IT SAYS THE  
17 VICTIM WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A NASAL BONE FRACTURE AND HE DID HAVE  
18 TO GO UNDER GENERAL ANESTHESIA AND THERE ISN'T ANY REFERENCE  
19 THERE TO THE FRACTURED JAW.

20 **MR. LARKIN:** JUDGE, IN THE GENERAL ANESTHESIA MY  
21 UNDERSTANDING WOULD BE REQUIRED IF ANY MEDICAL PROCEDURE WERE  
22 UNDERTAKEN TO CORRECT THAT, WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN DONE.

23 **THE COURT:** SORRY?

24 **MR. LARKIN:** GENERAL, YEAH, HE NEVER RECEIVED GENERAL  
25 ANESTHESIA FROM THE EMERGENCY ROOM STAFF WHEN HE WAS TREATED

1 AND RELEASED THE DAY THAT THIS OCCURRED.

2 **THE COURT:** I SEE, THEY'RE SAYING IF YOU WANT TO  
3 CORRECT ANY DISPLACEMENT YOU WOULD TO GO UNDER GENERAL  
4 ANESTHESIA AND HAVE SPECIAL SURGERY DONE.

5 **MR. LARKIN:** THAT'S HOW I INTERPRETED THAT.

6 **THE COURT:** I THINK, YOU MAYBE RIGHT.

7 **MR. LARKIN:** AND, JUDGE, IF I COULD JUST INTERJECT ONE  
8 OTHER THING IN TERMS OF THE VICTIM'S HEADACHES AND THE  
9 POSSIBILITY OF CONTRACTING ALZHEIMER OR SOME OTHER PROBLEM  
10 LATER DOWN THE ROAD, I THINK, WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO  
11 DIFFERENTIATE FROM THIS INCIDENT AND A FIVE OTHER CONCUSSIONS  
12 THAT THE VICTIM HAS SUSTAINED THAT HE DISCUSSED WITH PROBATION  
13 FROM SPORTS RELATED INJURIES, AS WELL AS BEING INVOLVED IN  
14 OTHER PHYSICAL ALTERCATIONS, NONE SUCH AS UNPROVOKED AS THIS  
15 WAS.

16 **THE COURT:** THAT WAS ON PAGE SEVEN?

17 GOING BACK AGAIN FOR A MINUTE JUST TO THIS QUESTION OF  
18 RESTITUTION, ISN'T THE PARTIES UNDERSTANDING THAT RESTITUTION  
19 IS A SUM THAT IS FIXED AT THE TIME OF SENTENCING?

20 **MR. DOWLING:** NO, IT'S NOT. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING YOU  
21 COULD HOLD A SEPARATE HEARING WITH REGARD TO THE ISSUE OF  
22 AMOUNT FOR RESTITUTION IF YOU BELIEVE THERE'S NOT ENOUGH IN THE  
23 RECORD.

24 I ALSO WANT TO ADD, THE VICTIM IS WILLING TO ADDRESS  
25 THE COURT TODAY TO SHARE WITH YOU THE EXTENT OF HIS INJURIES

1 AND MONETARY LOSS RELATED THERETO.

2 **THE COURT:** MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE. IT'S NOW 5:00  
3 O'CLOCK. ALSO, THE PROBATION OFFICE IS RECOMMENDING, AT LEAST,  
4 TO START WITH A SMALL PAYMENT TOWARD RESTITUTION. RESTITUTION  
5 COULD BE, I SUPPOSE, REDUCED DOWNWARD. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN  
6 REDUCE IT UPWARD, THOUGH, OVER THE COURSE OF ANY TERM.

7 THE FIRST THING, DOES MR. PRATCHARD WISH TO ADDRESS  
8 THE COURT?

9 SIR, YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO ADDRESS THE COURT BEFORE ANY  
10 SENTENCING AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO SO YOU MAY DO SO NOW.

11 I DID READ YOUR LETTER AND I'M AWARE THAT YOU ARE OF  
12 THE BELIEF THAT THE MATTER WAS NOT STARTED IN ANY WAY BY  
13 YOURSELF, BUT RATHER WAS SOMETHING THAT GOT STARTED AND,  
14 PERHAPS, DIDN'T END AS APPROPRIATELY AS IT SHOULD AND YOU  
15 RECOGNIZE THAT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEAK IF YOU DON'T WISH TO.  
16 IT'S WHATEVER YOU FEEL IS BEST.

17 **MR. LARKIN:** JUDGE, JUST WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

18 **THE COURT:** THAT WOULD BE FINE.

19 **THE DEFENDANT:** FIRST, I WANTED TO START, YOUR HONOR,  
20 BY SINCERELY APOLOGIZING TO THE VICTIM. I KNOW THAT UNDER THE  
21 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WHERE IN THE REPORT IT SEEMS LIKE WHAT I DID  
22 WAS MALICIOUS INTENT, BUT IT WASN'T HONESTLY, WAS ONLY GOING TO  
23 THE AID OF A FRIEND, HOWEVER MISPLACED THAT IDEA WAS.

24 I DID NOT SEEK, I DID NOT GO THERE WITH THE INTENT OF  
25 HAVING A FIGHT, I WENT THERE TO HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS AND HAVE



1 A GOOD TIME. I'M NOT A MALICIOUS PERSON, I'M NOT A VIOLENT  
2 PERSON.

3 YES, I HAVE SOME ISSUES EXPRESSING MY ANGER AND I HAVE  
4 TRIED TO SEEK HELP FOR THAT. THERE'S A LETTER IN THERE FROM  
5 THE THERAPIST I WENT AND SAW AND I WOULD ASK THE COURT THAT YOU  
6 GUYS WOULD ALLOW ME TO CONTINUE. THAT I DON'T KNOW IF YOU GUYS  
7 PAY FOR THAT OR IF I DO OR WHATEVER IT IS, I DON'T KNOW, BUT I  
8 AM VERY INTERESTED IN PURSUING THAT.

9 LIKE WAS SAID IN THE LETTER AND THAT MY LAWYER  
10 CONVEYED, I HAVE A 20 MONTH OLD SON THAT MEANS THE WORLD TO ME,  
11 AND WHEN THIS HAPPENED HE WASN'T BORN YET. AND I CAN TELL YOU  
12 FROM EXPERIENCE THAT AFTER HE WAS BORN AND I BECAME A FATHER  
13 THAT MY OPINION AND VIEW OF THINGS COMPLETELY CHANGED AND THAT  
14 I'M NOT THE SAME PERSON I WAS THAT DAY.

15 MY SON IS IN LARGE PART TO THANK FOR THAT, BUT ALSO  
16 JUST THE REALIZATION THIS IS NO WAY TO LIVE YOUR LIFE AND I'M  
17 APPROACHING AN AGE NOW I NEED TO START ACTING LIKE AN ADULT.

18 THIS IS SOMETHING I COMPLETELY ABSTAINED FROM. I  
19 DON'T GO TO BARS, VERY RARELY DO I EVER GO TO BARS. IF I DO I  
20 DON'T GET TO THE POINT OF INTOXICATION. I PREFER TO STAY AT  
21 HOME NOW. I HAVE FRIENDS COME OVER WATCH FOOTBALL, WHAT HAVE  
22 YOU, I DON'T PUT MYSELF IN THOSE SITUATIONS ANYMORE.

23 AND I TOLD MY FRIEND AS WELL WHEN WE GO OUT, I SAID I  
24 TOLD ALL OF THEM DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING FROM ME, IF YOU GET INTO  
25 ANY KIND OF ALTERCATION I'M GOING TO WALK AWAY. I HAVE TOO

1 MUCH TO LOSE. A GOOD JOB, A HOUSE, A CHILD, IT'S NOT WORTH IT  
2 AND I REALIZE THAT NOW AND I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THEN, BUT I DO  
3 NOW AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WILL NEVER EVER HAPPEN AGAIN.

4 **THE COURT:** THANK YOU.

5 MS. DOWLING, DID YOU WISH TO INQUIRE WHETHER THE  
6 VICTIM OF THIS MATTER WANTED TO SAY ANYTHING, JUST AS LAST  
7 INQUIRY?

8 **MR. DOWLING:** YES, YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU.

9 **THE COURT:** WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK AND FIND OUT.

10 **MR. DOWLING:** I ASKED HIM, HE DID WANT TO.

11 **THE COURT:** SIR, WOULD YOU COME FORWARD. WE COULD  
12 HAVE YOUR NAME?

13 **MR. SANDERS:** DERRICK SANDERS.

14 **THE COURT:** MR. SANDERS, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY,  
15 SIR?

16 **MR. SANDERS:** WELL, UNTIL TODAY I DID NOT EVEN KNOW  
17 WHAT MR. PRATCHARD LOOKED LIKE, AND SO I DO NOT KNOW THE MAN  
18 THAT HE IS. AND SO THAT DAY HONESTLY CHANGED MY LIFE AND I  
19 THINK THAT I WENT THERE WITH THE SAME PURPOSE AS MR. PRATCHARD,  
20 AND THAT WAS TO ENJOY MY TIME WITH MY FRIEND AND HAVE FUN.

21 I DO NOT HONESTLY REMEMBER ANYTHING, WHAT HAPPENED. I  
22 REMEMBER BEING THERE AND I REMEMBER WAKING UP IN THE HOSPITAL  
23 AND THAT'S ALL I REMEMBER.

24 SO I THINK THAT BEING A MAN THAT IS YOUNGER EVERYBODY  
25 FEELS TESTOSTERONE AND THINGS HAPPENED AND HAVE HAD ALTERCATION

1 BEFORE BUT NEVER TO THIS EXTENT. SO, I THINK, THAT -- I THINK,  
2 MR. PRATCHARD JUST MADE A MISTAKE.

3 I HAVE -- I DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
4 HE'S ABOUT AND SO I THINK THAT WHAT HAPPENED WAS THINGS GOT OUT  
5 OF HAND AND HE TOOK IT TO THE NEXT LIMIT.

6 I HAVE INJURY ON THE BACK OF MY HEAD AND JAW, WASN'T A  
7 BROKEN JAW, ACTUALLY, A BRUISE FROM THE MEDICAL REPORTS FROM  
8 THE DOCTOR, AND SO IT ESCALATED TO THE POINT WHERE SEVERE  
9 INJURY HAPPENED.

10 THAT BEING SAID, I CAN UNDERSTAND, I UNDERSTAND HE'S  
11 VERY APOLOGETIC. I DO ACCEPT HIS APOLOGY. IT'S AFFECTED MY  
12 LIFE. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS. I STILL DEAL WITH  
13 IT EVERY SINGLE DAY AND I DO ACCEPT HIS APOLOGY AND HOPEFULLY  
14 THIS TYPE OF THING NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN AND THAT'S IT.

15 **THE COURT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. SO THEN THE  
16 QUESTION IS WHETHER THERE IS ANYTHING FURTHER THAT ANY PARTY  
17 WISHES TO CONVEY TO THE COURT?

18 **MR. DOWLING:** I WOULD SAY JUST ON THE RESTITUTION  
19 ISSUE, THAT CAN BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE IF NEED BE, NOT  
20 TO EXCEED 90 DAYS AFTER SENTENCING. THAT'S UNDER 18 USC  
21 3664(D)(5).

22 ALSO, ON THE SAME LINES FOR RESTITUTION, THE COURT CAN  
23 ORDER THE DEFENDANT TO PAY RESTITUTION IN THE AMOUNT FOR  
24 MEDICAL COST THAT ARE NECESSARY AS WELL.

25 **THE COURT:** I'M SORRY, WOULD YOU SAY THAT AGAIN?

1           **MR. DOWLING:** THE COURT CAN ORDER THE DEFENDANT TO PAY  
2 AS PART OF RESTITUTION FOR MEDICAL COST THAT ARE NECESSARY.

3           **THE COURT:** YOU MEAN, IN THE FUTURE?

4           **MR. DOWLING:** AND FOR THAT I'M SPECIFICALLY TALKING  
5 ABOUT THE SURGERY THAT HAS BEEN DEEMED MEDICALLY NECESSARY FOR  
6 HIS NOSE.

7           **THE COURT:** I'M ASKING YOU HAVE SOME AUTHORITY FOR  
8 THAT?

9           **MR. DOWLING:** YES.

10          **THE COURT:** FUTURE MEDICAL EXPENSE?

11          **MR. DOWLING:** CORRECT. THEN IN THE FUTURE ANYTHING  
12 ELSE COMES UP THE VICTIM CAN COME TO THE COURT AND ASK FOR AN  
13 AMENDED RESTITUTION AMOUNT, THAT'S FOR SOMETHING DISCOVERED  
14 LATER THAT'S RELATED.

15          **THE COURT:** WHAT ARE YOU RELYING ON FOR THE AUTHORITY  
16 THAT A FUTURE PROCEDURE AS, AT LEAST, CONTEMPLATED CAN BE PUT  
17 IN THE RESTITUTION SUM?

18          **MR. DOWLING:** I'M LOOKING AT 3663 AND THIS WOULD BE A  
19 I'M SORRY (B)(2)(A). AND IT STATES, THAT IN THE CASE OF  
20 OFFENSE RESULTING IN BODILY INJURY TO A VICTIM, INCLUDING  
21 OFFENSE UNDER CERTAIN CHAPTERS, PAY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE COST  
22 OF, IF NECESSARY, MEDICAL RELATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND  
23 DEVICE RELATING TO PHYSICAL, PSYCHIATRIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL  
24 CARE, AND IT GOES ON FROM THERE.

25          **THE COURT:** LET ME LOOK AT IT. THE SECTION AGAIN IS?

1           **MR. DOWLING:** 18 USC 3663.

2           **THE COURT:** AS YOU WERE READING IT WENT BY REAL FAST.

3           **MR. DOWLING:** SORRY.

4           **THE COURT:** LET ME GO BACK AND SEE IF I AGREE WITH  
5 YOU. WHICH PORTION OF IT?

6           **MR. DOWLING:** SO THIS WOULD BE, IT'S LITTLE B AND  
7 SECTION 2 BIG A.

8           **THE COURT:** DOESN'T REALLY SAY. I GUESS, IT DOESN'T  
9 ANSWER MY QUESTION. LET ME JUST SEE HERE. IT'S ALL IN THE  
10 PAST TENSE THERE, BUT THEN THE NEXT AMOUNT IS PHYSICAL AND  
11 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND REHABILITATION AND LOST INCOME. ALL  
12 RIGHT.

13                   IS THE MATTER SUBMITTED?

14           **MR. LARKIN:** YES.

15           **MR. DOWLING:** YES, YOUR HONOR.

16           **THE COURT:** I THINK, THIS IS A DIFFICULT ISSUE. THE  
17 BEHAVIOR IS EXTREMELY SERIOUS. IT IS NOT QUITE THE SAME, AS  
18 BEST AS I CAN TELL, OF SOMEBODY THAT GOES OUT ESSENTIALLY  
19 ATTACKING PEOPLE, FOR EXAMPLE, AT A BUS DEPOT OR SOMETHING LIKE  
20 THAT, SO THEY CAN GET THEIR RADIO OR WHATEVER ELSE.

21                   THERE'S SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED HERE AND IT DISTURBS  
22 ME, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS. ALL RIGHT. I DID SEE THE LATTER  
23 PART OF THE ENCOUNTER AND IT IS VERY SERIOUS BEHAVIOR, AND AS  
24 MR. SANDERS SAYS IT'S SOMETHING HE'S GOING TO LIVE WITH FOR THE  
25 REST OF HIS LIFE. HE HAS TO DEAL WITH IT.

1           THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT MR. PRATCHARD SERVES, WHATEVER  
2       IT IS AND WHERE HE SERVES IT IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE THE AFFECT  
3       ON MR. SANDERS.

4           IN OTHER WORDS, MR. SANDERS IS UNFORTUNATELY GOING TO  
5       HAVE TO FACE MEDICAL REPERCUSSIONS AND EVEN IF HE DOESN'T HE'S  
6       ALSO GOING TO BE WORRIED ABOUT IS SOMETHING GOING TO HAPPEN.

7           HE'S ALSO WAITING FOR THE OTHER SHOE TO DROP, HE  
8       DOESN'T KNOW, AND WE ALL ARE VERY PROTECTIVE OF THAT ONE VERY  
9       LIMITED GIFT THAT WE HAVE WHICH IS YOUR MIND, AND IF IT'S  
10      DAMAGED IN ANY WAY THERE ISN'T A LOT OF TIME FOR IT TO COME  
11      BACK, SERIOUS BEHAVIOR.

12          AND, FRANKLY, IF THIS WERE NOT OF THE NATURE IT WAS,  
13      MR. PRATCHARD WOULDN'T BE HERE FACING THE KIND OF CHARGE HE IS  
14      AND THE KIND OF RECOMMENDATION THAT'S BEING MADE BY THE  
15      GOVERNMENT.

16          A LOT OF PEOPLE GET INTO FIGHTS AND THEN THEY GET  
17      PROBATION AND MAYBE LITTLE TIME IN A COUNTY FACILITY AND THAT'S  
18      IT. SO WHAT TOOK IT OUT OF THE ORDINARY WAS THE HEAD INJURY  
19      AND THE KICKING.

20          NOW, THE EVENT AS POINTED OUT BY DEFENDANT'S COUNSEL  
21      HAPPENED SOME TIME AGO. A YEAR WENT BY BEFORE MR. PRATCHARD  
22      WAS CHARGED AND THEN ALMOST IMMEDIATELY HE WAS ARRESTED ON IT.

23          IT ISN'T LIKE THEY WAITED AFTER THAT, BUT EITHER TO  
24      INVESTIGATE THE MATTER, OTHERWISE ABOUT A YEAR WENT BY BEFORE  
25      THE CHARGES WERE ACTUALLY BROUGHT AND THEN A YEAR HAS BEEN

1 SPENT IN THE MATTER.

2 THIS IS ALSO A CONCERN TO A SENTENCING COURT, IF  
3 SOMEONE HAS MANAGED TO GET THEIR LIFE ON TRACK AND THEN DO YOU  
4 WANT TO DERAIL IT? SO THAT'S A CONSIDERATION AS WELL.

5 THE COURT IS BEING ASKED TO IMPOSE A SENTENCE WHICH  
6 THE DEFENSE IS REQUESTING, IS NOT ON THE GRID, A GRID BEING THE  
7 SENTENCING GUIDELINES.

8 IN OTHER WORDS, THEY WANT A SENTENCE THAT IS NOT  
9 RECOMMENDED BY THE GUIDELINES THAT ARE ADOPTED BY THE  
10 SENTENCING COMMISSION, THAT GUIDELINE RANGE IS 27 TO 33 MONTHS.

11 AND, ALTHOUGH, THE GOVERNMENT IS RECOMMENDING 33  
12 MONTHS, 27 OR 33 IS GOING TO BE VERY DISRUPTIVE IN THE SENSE OF  
13 WHATEVER HAPPENS WITH MR. PRATCHARD.

14 MR. PRATCHARD IS RECOMMENDING THAT I LOOK TO THE  
15 SENTENCING FACTORS UNDER 3553 AND DETERMINE THOSE SHOULD TRUMP  
16 THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES, ESSENTIALLY.

17 NOW, I DON'T HAVE TO IMPOSE A GUIDELINE SENTENCE, IT  
18 IS NOT PRESUMED TO BE THE SENTENCE, IT IS A SENTENCE THE COURT  
19 HAS TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO AND I CERTAINLY HAVE AND  
20 AM CONSIDERING.

21 I'M ALSO CONSIDERING WHETHER IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE  
22 FOR HIM TO RECEIVE A SENTENCE THAT PROVIDES FOR COMMUNITY  
23 CONFINEMENT, NOT NECESSARILY IN HOME DETENTION, WHERE HE COULD  
24 CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN HIS EMPLOYMENT, PROVIDE FOR HIS MINOR  
25 CHILD AND HAVE HIS LIFE NONETHELESS SIGNIFICANTLY DISRUPTED BY

1        THAT KIND OF CONFINEMENT.  IT WOULD NOT BE AS DISRUPTIVE AS  
2        BEING IN PRISON.

3                AND ALTHOUGH THERE'S SOME PEOPLE THAT SAY THAT,  
4        DEPENDING ON WHAT PRISON YOU GO TO, THEY'RE RATHER PLEASANT  
5        PLACES TO BE, EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT YOU CAN'T LEAVE AFTER  
6        YOU PLAYED YOUR ROUND OF TENNIS.

7                NOW, THE POINT I THINK HERE IS, WHAT IS BEST?

8                IN OTHER WORDS, SHOULD THE COURT IMPOSE, AND WE HAVE  
9        TO BE A PROBATIONARY SENTENCE WITH A CONDITION OF, FOR EXAMPLE,  
10       COMMUNITY CONFINEMENT.  AND IF I DO THAT, IT CAN'T REALLY BE  
11       MORE THAN FOR ABOUT A YEAR BECAUSE THEY CAN'T ACCOMMODATE  
12       PEOPLE FOR LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

13               OR DO I IMPOSE A SENTENCE UNDER THE GUIDELINES, AND IF  
14       I IMPOSE A SENTENCE UNDER THE GUIDELINES IT WOULD BE A SENTENCE  
15       I WOULD SAY AT MORE TOWARD THE LOWER END BECAUSE I'M GIVING  
16       CREDIT TO WHAT HE'S DONE WITH HIS LIFE SINCE THAT POINT.

17               I COULD IMPOSE A SENTENCE THAT'S LESS THAN THE  
18       GUIDELINE SENTENCE AND IT WILL STILL BE A PRISON SENTENCE, BUT  
19       THAT DOESN'T ACCOMMODATE THE CONCERNS AND INTEREST I HAVE THE  
20       OTHER WAY.

21               I APPRECIATE MR. SANDERS COMING IN AND MR. SANDERS IS  
22       NOT VINDICTIVE IN HIS ATTITUDE.  HE FEELS VERY, VERY STRONGLY  
23       THAT HIS LIFE HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY DISRUPTED.

24               HE ALSO IS WILLING TO EXCEED TO, AT LEAST, ACKNOWLEDGE  
25       THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED HERE THAT WAS



1 PERHAPS NOT PART OF THE ORDINARY BEHAVIOR OF MR. PRATCHARD.  
2 AND HE IS IN THE UNFORTUNATE SITUATION NOT REALLY KNOWING  
3 EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED HIMSELF, WHICH CAN BE A PRODUCT EITHER OF  
4 ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION OR BRAIN INJURY OR BOTH.

5 ALL RIGHT. LOT OF PEOPLE WAKE UP FROM A SERIOUS  
6 ACCIDENT OR HEAD INJURY AND HAVE NO IDEA HOW THEY GOT TO WHERE  
7 THEY WERE. THAT'S NOT BECAUSE THEY WERE DRINKING, BUT IT'S  
8 CONCEDED THERE'S ALCOHOL INVOLVED, SO THAT'S A DILEMMA THE  
9 COURT IS PUT IN.

10 AND I'VE GIVEN IT QUITE A BIT OF THOUGHT. I REALLY  
11 DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO WHEN I CAME OUT HERE TODAY.  
12 I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU ALL JUST DANGLING SAY WHAT SHE GOING  
13 TO DO.

14 I DO HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO THIS. IT'S A DIFFICULT  
15 OBLIGATION, IT ISN'T JUST A BENEFIT THE COURT GETS. HAVING  
16 HEARD EVERYTHING, AND I DO THINK MR. PRATCHARD HAS AN ANGER  
17 PROBLEM, A LOT OF PEOPLE DO, BUT IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY GET TO  
18 THE POINT THIS DID, THAT I'M WILLING TO GIVE HIM THE CHANCE  
19 THAT HE'S ASKING FOR TO LEAVE HIM IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT IT'S  
20 NOT GOING TO BE ON HOME DETENTION.

21 SO I HOPE I'M NOT PROVED WRONG BY THIS AND I WANT TO  
22 SAY TO MR. SANDERS THAT THIS IS NOT IN ANY WAY A MINIMIZATION  
23 OF WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, SIR.

24 WHEN I CAME OUT HERE TODAY I WAS READY TO THROW THE  
25 BOOK AT MR. PRATCHARD, BUT I READ A BIT ABOUT WHAT HIS FRIENDS

1 HAVE SAID, I READ -- AND I'M NOT GOING TO ABOUT THE EVENT, YOU  
2 KNOW MY VIEWS ABOUT THIS EVENT, I'M NOT SATISFIED THAT  
3 MR. PRATCHARD'S RECOLLECTION IS SPOT ON, BUT NONETHELESS I'M  
4 PREPARED TO GIVE HIM THAT CHANCE.

5 AND I WANT HIM TO KNOW THAT IF HE IN ANY WAY STRAYS  
6 WHILE THAT CHANCE IS OUT THERE, THAT'S IT. I'M TAKING INTO  
7 CONSIDERATION THE COLLATERAL DAMAGE VICTIMS, WHICH ARE HIS OWN  
8 CHILD AND ANYONE WHO HE'S SUPPORTING.

9 HE HAS GOTTEN HIMSELF A DECENT JOB, AND IT'S A CLOSE  
10 CALL, THAT'S GOING TO BE MY RULING. SO I DO CALCULATE THE  
11 GUIDELINES AS DID THE PROBATION OFFICE, I DO NOT DISPUTE IN ANY  
12 WAY THAT CALCULATION.

13 PURSUANT TO SENTENCING REFORM ACT OF 1948, IT'S THE  
14 JUDGMENT OF THE COURT JOSH PRATCHARD IS HEREBY PLACED ON  
15 PROBATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS. AND AS ONE OF THE  
16 CONDITIONS OF THAT PROBATION HE IS TO SPEND ONE YEAR IN  
17 COMMUNITY CONFINEMENT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PROBATION  
18 OFFICER.

19 WHILE ON THAT TYPE OF COMMITMENT HE IS ALLOWED TO GO  
20 TO WORK, MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS, RELIGIOUS SERVICES, BUT -- AND  
21 IF FAMILY VISITS CAN BE MAINTAINED IN THAT REGARD THROUGH THE  
22 PROBATION OFFICE, I WILL LEAVE THAT TO THEM BECAUSE ONE OF THE  
23 REASONS THAT I'M ALLOWING HIM TO STAY IN THE COMMUNITY IS TO  
24 KEEP IN CONTACT AND HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS MINOR SON.

25 BUT IN THIS INSTANCE THE TRADITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON

1 MR. PRATCHARD'S LIFE, SO TO SPEAK, WHILE IN COMMUNITY  
2 CONFINEMENT, ARE GENERALLY APPLICABLE AND THERE HAS TO BE SOME  
3 PUNISHMENT ASPECT HERE.

4 THE LAW REQUIRES THAT I CONSIDER THE SERIOUSNESS OF  
5 THE CRIME, THE NEED FOR DETERRENCE, THE CHARACTER AND HISTORY  
6 OF THE DEFENDANT, AND THE NEED TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY, AND I  
7 BELIEVE THAT THIS HAS TO BE SERIOUSLY IMPRESSED ALL THE WAY  
8 AROUND.

9 THE CONDITIONS OF PROBATION WILL BE VERY SIMILAR TO  
10 THOSE THAT ARE RECOMMENDED AS CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISED RELEASE  
11 BY MS. RICHARDS.

12 HE'S TO REFRAIN FROM THE UNLAWFUL USE OF ANY  
13 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES. HE'S TO SUBMIT TO A DRUG TEST IF THE  
14 PROBATION DEPARTMENT REQUIRES IT, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT ONCE I  
15 HAVE NOT IMPOSED A PRISON TERM THAT HE HAS TO HAVE THAT  
16 TESTING.

17 I HAVEN'T ACTUALLY CHECKED THAT. I WILL JUST SAY,  
18 HE'S TO SUBMIT TO ONE DRUG TEST WHILE HE'S ON PROBATION AND TWO  
19 PERIODIC TESTS THEREAFTER WHILE HE IS ON PROBATION. HE'S TO  
20 PAY RESTITUTION AND THE COURT WILL ORDER RESTITUTION AS  
21 FOLLOWS.

22 I AM ACCEPTING THE VICTIM'S CALCULATION OF HIS LOSS,  
23 AND IF AT ANY TIME ANYONE CAN SHOW IT TO BE LESS I WILL  
24 CONSIDER REDUCING THE RESTITUTION, BUT I'M GOING TO ACCEPT HIS  
25 CALCULATION AND I WILL INCLUDE IT IN THE ESTIMATED COST FOR

1 FUTURE SURGERY AND ANY OTHER MEDICAL EXPENSES THAT MAYBE DEEMED  
2 NECESSITATED THAT ARE REASONABLY RELATED TO THIS ENCOUNTER.

3 HOWEVER, I HAVE TO FIX A SUM NOW AND THAT SUM WILL BE  
4 AS CALCULATED BY MS. RICHARDS AT \$19,516. NOW, SHE'S ONLY  
5 RECOMMENDING THAT THE RESTITUTION BE PAID AT A SMALL AMOUNT  
6 BECAUSE SHE UNDERSTOOD THAT MR. PRATCHARD WOULD BE COMMITTED TO  
7 FEDERAL PRISON.

8 I DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY HE IS ABLE TO PAY TOWARD  
9 THE RESTITUTION. I AM REQUIRED TO FIX A SUM AND I'M GOING TO  
10 FIX IT AT \$150 A MONTH BECAUSE HE'S ABLE TO WORK ON THE COURT'S  
11 ORDER.

12 IF THAT BECOMES EITHER TOO LITTLE OR TOO MUCH, THEN  
13 THE PROBATION OFFICE IS TO LET ME KNOW THIS. THERE IS A CIVIL  
14 ACTION AS WELL AND IF A JUDGMENT IS OBTAINED IN THAT CIVIL  
15 ACTION IT CAN BE EXECUTED ON INDEPENDENTLY OF AND IN ADDITION  
16 TO THIS ORDER.

17 WITH RESPECT TO ALL OF THE OTHER CONDITIONS THAT WOULD  
18 APPLY, MR. PRATCHARD IS TO GIVE THE PROBATION OFFICE ACCESS TO  
19 FINANCIAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING TAX RETURNS, AND TO ALLOW HER  
20 TO CONDUCT CREDIT CHECKS AND OBTAIN COPIES OF THOSE RETURNS.

21 HE IS TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ASSESSMENT AS DEEMED  
22 NECESSARY BY THE PROBATION OFFICER, A PROGRAM OF TESTING AND  
23 TREATMENT FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL AND/OR ALCOHOL ABUSE, AND IS TO  
24 PAY ALL OR PART OF IT, AND HE MENTIONED COSTS OF ANOTHER TYPE  
25 AND I WILL GET TO THAT AS WELL.

1           WITH RESPECT TO THIS TREATMENT, DEPENDING ON HIS  
2           ABILITY TO PAY, YOU MAY HAVE TO PAY ALL OR PART OF IT AS  
3           DETERMINED BY THE PROBATION OFFICE, BUT NEVER TO EXCEED THE  
4           TOTAL COST OF TESTING AND COUNSELING IN THAT REGARD.

5           HE'S ALSO TO PARTICIPATE AS DIRECTED BY THE PROBATION  
6           OFFICE IN A MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PROGRAM, AND I WOULD SAY  
7           WITH A FOCUS ON ANGER MANAGEMENT BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONE AREA  
8           THAT HE'S HAD TROUBLE WITH IN PARTICULAR AND TO PAY ALL OR PART  
9           OF COST OF THAT TREATMENT, IF HE CAN, AS DIRECTED BY THE  
10          PROBATION OFFICER.

11          AGAIN, NEVER TO EXCEED THE TOTAL COST OF THAT  
12          COUNSELING, BUT IT MAY BE THAT BY COMING THROUGH THE COURT THE  
13          COST MAYBE REDUCED IN SOME FASHION.

14          HE IS SUBJECT TO A SEARCH CONDITION OF HIS PERSON,  
15          RESIDENCE, OFFICE, VEHICLE OR ANY PROPERTY UNDER HIS CONTROL,  
16          PROVIDED THAT SEARCH IS CONDUCTED BY UNITED STATES PROBATION  
17          OFFICER AT A REASONABLE TIME AND IN REASONABLE MANNER BASED  
18          UPON REASONABLE SUSPICION OF POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND OR A  
19          VIOLATION OF CONDITION OF RELEASE.

20          AND FAILURE TO SUBMIT TO A SEARCH COULD BE GROUND FOR  
21          REVOCATION. HE SHOULD WARN THE RESIDENTS THE PREMISES WILL BE  
22          SEARCHED.

23          HE'S NOT TO BE IN THE VICINITY OF DEREK SANDERS, THE  
24          VICTIM IN THIS MATTER, OTHER THAN IF THERE WERE REQUIRED COURT  
25          APPEARANCE, UNLESS APPROVED BY THE PROBATION OFFICER.

1           AND HE'S TO COOPERATE IN THE COLLECTION OF DNA AS  
2       DIRECTED BY THE PROBATION OFFICE. OF LESS CONCERN I THINK TO  
3       EVERYONE BUT STILL REQUIRED IS \$100 PENALTY ASSESSMENT IT'S DUE  
4       IMMEDIATELY.

5           HE CAN'T PAY IT IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE THE CLERK'S OFFICE  
6       IS CLOSED, BUT HE IS TO PAY IT NO LATER THAN TWO WEEKS FROM  
7       TODAY.

8           ALL RIGHT. AND THAT IS TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE IN,  
9       MS. RICHARDS CAN TELL HIM WHERE. I DON'T --

10          **MR. DOWLING:** MS. SEARLES.

11          **THE COURT:** I KEEP SAYING MS. RICHARD, I GOT YOU IN MY  
12       MIND, ANN SEARLES. ANN RICHARDS WAS A WONDERFUL PROBATION  
13       OFFICER AS WELL AND YOU HAVE MANY OF THE SAME QUALITIES AND I  
14       JUST MIX UP THE ANNS.

15          NOW, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OR  
16       PROBATION OFFICE'S STANDPOINT?

17          **MR. DOWLING:** NO. JUST ONE MOMENT. YOU MENTIONED  
18       THAT THE RESTITUTION BE \$150 PER MONTH, MS. SEARLES  
19       RECOMMENDATION HE'S OUT OF CUSTODY WOULD BE 250 PER MONTH, DID  
20       YOU WANT TO DECREASE THAT AMOUNT?

21          **THE COURT:** WELL, THE QUESTION WOULD BE WHETHER IF SHE  
22       THINKS HE'S IN A POSITION TO PAY THAT WHILE AS LONG AS HE'S  
23       RETAINING HIS JOB WITH HIS CURRENT EMPLOYER, THEN I WOULD  
24       CONSIDER MAKING IT 250.

25          I DON'T WANT TO PUT TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON HIM IN THAT

1 SENSE. IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG TIME BEFORE THE VICTIM GETS  
2 REPAID, BUT EITHER WAY, I WOULD BE WILLING TO RECONSIDER, SO  
3 MAKE IT 250.

4 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** IF YOU LOOK AT HIS FINANCIAL  
5 STATEMENT, YOUR HONOR, ON PAGE 19 HE STILL HAS A NET MONTHLY  
6 CASH FLOW OF \$923 AFTER EXPENSES, SO I THINK --

7 **THE COURT:** HIS EXPENSES MAY OR MAY NOT GO UP WITH  
8 SOME OF THE COST OF TREATMENT. I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'LL MAKE IT  
9 250, BUT IT MAY BE A WASH WITH WHATEVER ENDS UP HAVING TO BE  
10 PAID TOWARD TREATMENT.

11 IN OTHER WORDS, I DON'T KNOW IF THIS GOES UP THEN.  
12 THE TREATMENT COST MAY GO DOWN, BUT I'D RATHER, FRANKLY, SEE  
13 MR. SANDERS GET THE MONEY THAN THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY. THEY  
14 GOT OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME, HE HAS LIMITED INCOME.

15 OKAY. SO LET ME ASK YOU, MR. LARKIN, SO I AMENDED  
16 THAT, MS. LUCERO, TO GO TO 250, BUT IT'S A JUSTIFIABLE IF IT  
17 TURNS OUT IT'S TOO MUCH.

18 MR. LARKIN.

19 **MR. LARKIN:** DO I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

20 **THE COURT:** YES. ANYTHING FURTHER?

21 **MR. LARKIN:** WELL, THE ONE ISSUE THAT YOU HAVEN'T  
22 ADDRESSED IS COULD THERE BE SOME DELAY OF ANY REPORT DATE TO  
23 CUSTODY?

24 **THE COURT:** OF COURSE, IT ISN'T THE SAME AS A PRISON  
25 COMMITMENT WHERE ORDINARILY SOME WOULD BE -- WOULD BE REMANDED

1 OR A STAYED SURRENDER.

2 IN THIS INSTANCE MS. SEARLES IS GOING TO HAVE TO  
3 DETERMINE A VACANCY AND WHEN IT'S AVAILABLE. THEY DON'T HAVE  
4 THAT MUCH ROOM ALL THE TIME.

5 IF YOU WERE ASKING IRRESPECTIVE WHEN A BED BECOMES  
6 AVAILABLE HE'D LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE TIME TO JUST GET THINGS IN  
7 ORDER, HOW MUCH TIME ARE YOU ASKING?

8 **MR. LARKIN:** JUDGE, ONE OF THE THINGS I WAS  
9 CONSIDERING WAS THAT WE'RE JUST COMING UP TO THE HOLIDAYS,  
10 THANKSGIVING AND FOLLOWED BY CHRISTMAS. SO I WAS GOING ASK IF  
11 IT WAS POSSIBLE TO START IT ON THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, WHICH IS  
12 LESS THAN 90 DAYS FROM NOW.

13 **THE COURT:** WHAT'S THE POSITION OF THE PROBATION IN  
14 THAT RESPECT AND HOW THAT CREATES PROBLEMS OR DOESN'T FOR YOU?

15 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** IF YOU IMPOSE THE ORDER OUR  
16 PHILOSOPHY IS TO MOVE THEM IN THE HALFWAY HOUSE AS SOON AS  
17 POSSIBLE TO SERVE HIS SENTENCE.

18 **THE COURT:** YOU HAVE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIM TO  
19 HAVE A PLACE?

20 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** WE CAN'T DO THAT OVERNIGHT, WE  
21 WILL REQUIRE SOME TIME, BUT WE CAN GET IT DONE WITHIN A  
22 RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

23 **THE COURT:** WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

24 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** I WOULD SAY, A WEEK OR TWO.

25 **THE COURT:** LET ME ASK YOU ONE OTHER QUESTION IN THAT



1 RESPECT. ARE THERE ANY -- IS ANY ARRANGEMENT CAPABLE OF BEING  
2 MADE BY YOUR OFFICE OR BY MY ORDER HE BE ALLOWED TO SPENT, FOR  
3 EXAMPLE, CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY WITH HIS FAMILY, THANKSGIVING  
4 WITH HIS FAMILY?

5 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** YOU COULD MAKE THAT ORDER,  
6 YOUR HONOR.

7 **THE COURT:** OKAY. I WILL ORDER HIM TO, ALL RIGHT, AS  
8 DIRECTED BY THE PROBATION OFFICE, BUT WE'LL ALSO ORDER HE BE  
9 ALLOWED TO SPEND THANKSGIVING DAY AND CHRISTMAS EVE STARTING AT  
10 4:00 O'CLOCK AND THROUGH THE NEXT DAY TO, I'M NOT SURE WHEN THE  
11 TIME IS THAT THEY HAVE PEOPLE COME, WHAT THEIR CURFEW HOUR, IF  
12 THEY HAVE ONE.

13 **THE PROBATION OFFICER:** I DON'T KNOW.

14 **THE COURT:** 9:00 O'CLOCK CHRISTMAS DAY. OKAY. SO  
15 4:00 O'CLOCK CHRISTMAS EVE TO 9:00 O'CLOCK CHRISTMAS DAY HE CAN  
16 SPEND WITH HIS FAMILY.

17 **MR. LARKIN:** THE ONE -- I KNOW THE ONE CONCERN  
18 MR. PRATCHARD HAS IS HE'S GOT HIS LIVING ARRANGEMENT IN HIS  
19 HOUSE TO MOVE OUT, PUT ALL OF HIS STUFF INTO STORAGE. IS A  
20 COMPLICATED SITUATION AND EVEN IF IT COULD BE 30 DAYS THAT  
21 WOULD ENABLE HIM TO DEAL WITH HIS OBLIGATIONS AS FAR AS I'M --

22 **THE COURT:** DOES HE HAVE TO MOVE OUT? COULD HE RENT?

23 **MR. LARKIN:** WELL, I DON'T THINK HE'S GOING TO BE ABLE  
24 TO AFFORD TO CONTINUE TO PAY THE RENT THERE IF HE'S NOT GOING  
25 TO LIVE THERE FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

1           **THE COURT:**   BUT HE'S GOING TO BE WORKING?   THAT'S THE  
2   WHOLE POINT.

3           **MR. LARKIN:**   I'M WASN'T SURE WHETHER HIS  
4   ACCOMMODATING, HE'S GOING TO HAVE TO PAY ANYTHING FOR HIS  
5   ACCOMMODATION.

6           **THE COURT:**   WHAT'S THE RULE ON COMMUNITY CONFINEMENT?

7           **THE PROBATION OFFICER:**   YOUR HONOR, I THINK WHAT  
8   WE'LL -- THEY'LL DO IS LOOK AT HIS INCOME AND BASE THE RENT ON  
9   HIS INCOME.

10          **THE COURT:**   AT THE COMMUNITY CONFINEMENT FACILITY?

11          **MR. LARKIN:**   YES.

12          **THE PROBATION OFFICER:**   YES.

13          **THE COURT:**   ALL RIGHT.   I'M GOING TO GIVE HIM A COUPLE  
14   OF WEEKS TO TRY AND GET THOSE AFFAIRS IN ORDER.   THAT WILL  
15   COINCIDED PRETTY MUCH WITH MS. RICHARDS' ESTIMATE, MS. SEARLES  
16   ESTIMATE, IN ANY EVENT.

17                 SO, I THINK, THAT IF I GIVE HIM A STAY NOT TO HAVE TO  
18   GO TO THE FACILITY FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS.   SO TODAY IS THE  
19   21ST, SO SURRENDER NO EARLIER THEN 4TH AND TO DO SO AT THE  
20   DIRECTION OF THE PROBATION OFFICE.

21                 NOW, IF WE STAY OUT HERE ANY LONGER, MR. LARKIN, I MAY  
22   CHANGE MY MIND.

23          **MR. LARKIN:**   JUDGE, I APPRECIATE YOUR GOING PAST THE  
24   HOUR.

25          **THE COURT:**   OKAY.   JUST IT'S NOT THAT WE JUST BEEN AT

1 IT FOR QUITE AWHILE. SO WE CAN ONLY FINE TUNE THIS SO MUCH.

2 MS. SEARLES IS I'M SURE GOING TO TALK TO YOUR CLIENT  
3 AND YOURSELF, IF THERE PARTICULAR CONCERNS THAT YOU HAVE AND TO  
4 DEAL WITH THEM. I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANYMORE TO SAY.

5 I WISH MR. SANDERS GOOD LUCK. I HOPE THAT YOUR HEALTH  
6 WILL IMPROVE AND CONTINUE TO AND I DO WISH MR. PRATCHARD  
7 CONTINUED SUCCESS WHILE HE'S ON PROBATION AND WANT YOU TO KNOW  
8 I'LL BE HERE IF HE'S NOT SUCCESSFUL. OKAY.

9 MR. LARKIN: THANK YOU.

10 MR. DOWLING: THANK YOU.

11

12 (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED.)

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING PROCEEDINGS WERE REPORTED BY ME, A CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTER, AND WERE THEREAFTER TRANSCRIBED UNDER MY DIRECTION INTO TYPEWRITING; THAT THE FOREGOING IS A FULL, COMPLETE AND TRUE RECORD OF SAID PROCEEDINGS.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM NOT OF COUNSEL OR ATTORNEY FOR EITHER OR ANY OF THE PARTIES IN THE FOREGOING PROCEEDINGS AND CAPTION NAMED, OR IN ANY WAY INTERESTED IN THE OUTCOME OF THE CAUSE NAMED IN SAID CAPTION.

THE FEE CHARGED AND THE PAGE FORMAT FOR THE TRANSCRIPT CONFORM TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE JUDICIAL CONFERENCE.

FURTHERMORE, I CERTIFY THE INVOICE DOES NOT CONTAIN CHARGES FOR THE SALARIED COURT REPORTER'S CERTIFICATION PAGE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND THIS 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2010.

/S/ JAMES YEOMANS

---

JAMES YEOMANS, CSR, RPR